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HERR HITLER PLANNING NEW LINE OF ACTION

London, To-day.

The anti-British tone of the German press is developing markedly.

Dr. Goebbels' paper, Angriff says that London is definitely engaged in an encirclement policy and must be regarded as a bitter German enemy.

The journal adds: "Proud" Britain comes to us now, or the lines will be finally broken."

Dr. Schmidt, generally regarded as the interpreter of Hitler, in a manner suggesting that Germany's task is to hold the Western Powers off while bending the smaller Powers to her will.

"It is evident, now," he states, "that Germany must fight to achieve her ambitions."

NEW TACTICS

The News-Chronicle's Berlin correspondent says that Hitler is preparing his plans for the immediate future. It is hinted that Hitler regards Poland as closed, for the present but he will encourage Hungary and Bulgaria to attack Rumania and will supply the necessary arms and material.

NEW POST FOR MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL?

London, To-day.

The first Lord of the Admiralty, Lord Stanhope, is sharply criticized in the press.

The "Evening Standard" declares that Lord Stanhope throughout his career has attracted attention chiefly by want of tact. They suggest Mr. Winston Churchill be appointed as his successor. Mr. Churchill is the leading candidate for Ministry of Munitions which has been said to be vacant after the departure of Mr. ...

London, To-day.
With the Anglo-Polish talks satisfactorily concluded, to all intents and purposes, interest is now centred on the impending arrival in London, of M. Tilea, the Rumanian Foreign Minister, who has been discussing the British guarantee proposals in Bucharest.

It is reported that he is bringing with him a far-reaching plan, approved by King Carol and the Rumanian Cabinet, which will be discussed while Colonel Beck is still in London.

Latest reports indicate that King Carol takes a serious view of the international situation and that M. Gafencu may postpone his proposed visits to foreign capitals, including Berlin, Rome, Paris and London.

Authoritative quarters, states Trans-Ocean agree that the Anglo-Polish deliberations were "fundamentally concluded" last evening.

The conversations reached a stage permitting the British Premier to state its position in all essentials.

Colonel Beck and Lord Halifax will probably meet again to-day to confer on "questions still open." After visiting the British fleet at Portsmouth this afternoon, Colonel Beck will return to London to-night.

ITALIAN MOVES AROUSE MANY RUMOURS

London, To-day.

Confusing reports are published in London concerning the Italian military concentrations at Brindisi and Bari.

The "Daily Herald" refers to rumours of a threat to Yugo-Slavia, but points out that this is most unlikely as Yugo-Slavia has 2,000,000 of the best fighters in Europe and would resist any attempt.

The diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" refers to reports that Italy has promised Yugo-Slavia that she will co-operate to prevent any attack on her if she is prepared to do nothing about Albania being brought under a Protectorate.

In the meantime, there are unsubstantiated rumours that both Italy and Germany have increased their forces on the Yugo-Slavian border.

Three squadrons of Italian planes are reported to have flown off to ...

APPROVED TEXT
The statement of the Prime Minister, Mr. Chamberlain, in the House of Commons will probably be in the nature of a joint Anglo-Polish declaration. Trans-Ocean states the text of the statement was approved yesterday afternoon. It will reveal that the Anglo-Polish declaration of assistance is, in essentials, drawn up along the lines of the Franco-Polish Alliance or adjusted to that alliance.

LENGTHY TALK
After a dinner at the Polish Legation on Wednesday evening, Colonel Beck had a lengthy conversation with Lord Halifax, when the Chief of the Eastern Department of the Foreign Office, Mr. William Strang, and the Polish Ambassador to London were also present.

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I.R.A. THREAT OF ORDER "TO MARCH"

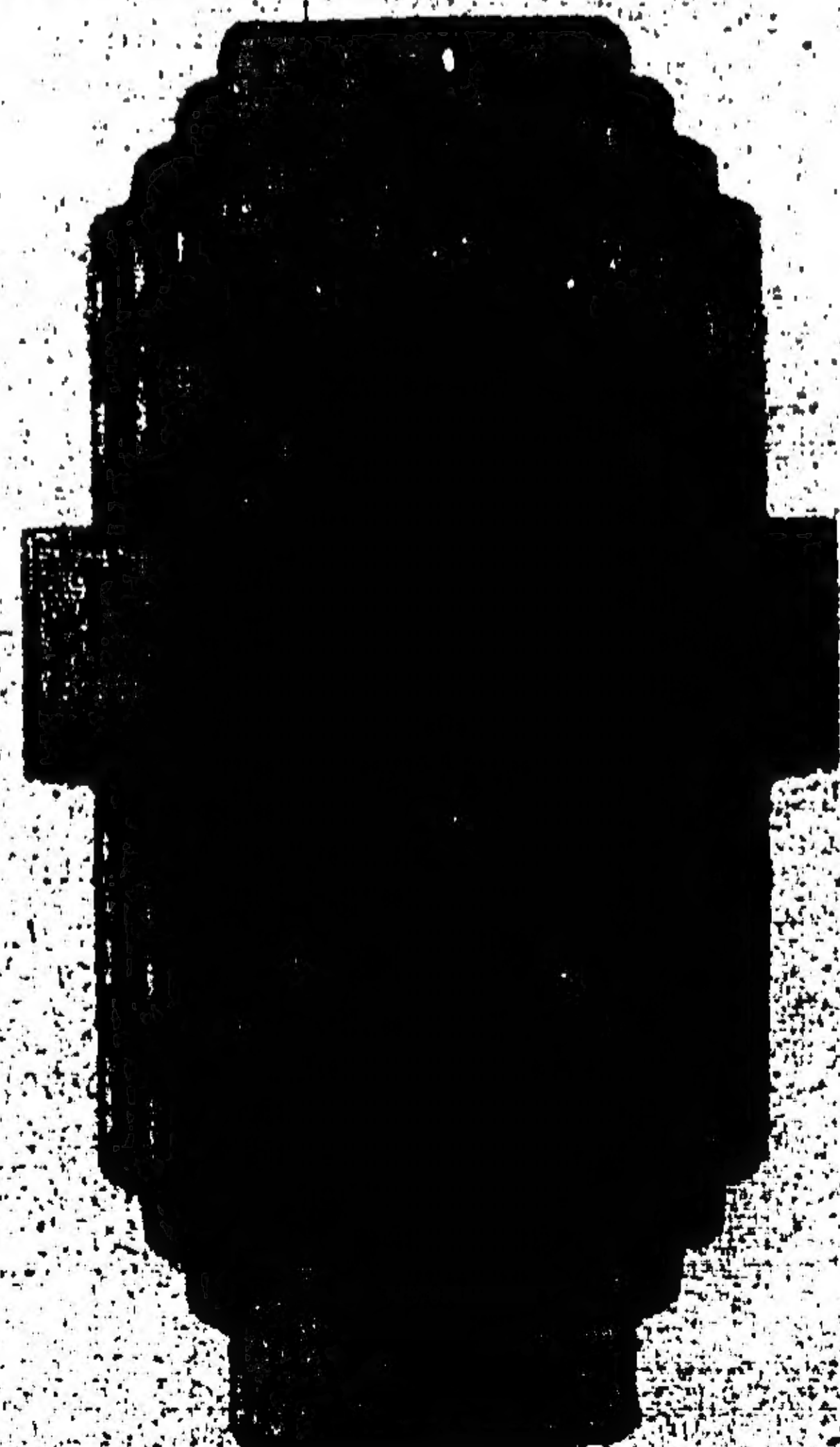
London, To-day.

Two high officials of the Northern Ireland police arrived in London last night to confer with representatives of Scotland Yard about a threat of the Irish Republic Army, said to have been broadcast on Tuesday night by a secret wireless transmitter somewhere in the north of Ireland.

It is said to have embodied an order to all members of the Irish Republican Army to be ready to march at a word of command issued in the next few days.

The announcer is said to have spoken of orders that were already in the hands of members of the Irish Republican Army in England, Ireland and Canada.

It is obviously feared in London that a new wave of atrocities is projected for the next few days. — Trans-Ocean.



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STORM OVER LORD STANHOPE'S SPEECH

CADETS TO MISS "AXIS" PORTS

Cadets from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, on their summer cruise to Europe, will not visit Germany, Italy or Spain.

Programme of the cruise shows that Edinburgh, Helsingfors, Stockholm, Rotterdam and Antwerp will be visited.

Navy Department officials decline to discuss the programme. It was pointed out in unofficial quarters, however, that there were a number of Jews among the crew, and anti-Nazi members of the crew might have expressed their opinions in German ports.

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ALHAMBRA

London, To-day.

"Lord Stanhope's speech was unpremeditated," declared the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in the House of Commons yesterday referring to the remarks made on board the aircraft-carrier "Ark Royal" by the First Lord of the Admiralty.

It was untrue, continued Mr. Chamberlain, that Lord Stanhope had invited the press to give special prominence to it.

In the course of his remarks the First Lord drew attention to the fact that there was not the full attendance at the cinema show on board the "Ark Royal," as some men had been retained on board their ships in readiness to man the guns, as had been the normal practice in time of tension.

No orders had been given by the Admiralty other than that this practice should not be relaxed even on so special an occasion.

As it seemed to him (Mr. Chamberlain) this statement was likely to be treated in a sensational manner, he gave directions that the press be asked not to publish an account.

Apparently, added Mr. Chamberlain, my efforts to spare the public unnecessary agitation were not altogether successful, but the incident will at any rate have served to demonstrate the constant readiness of the Navy for all eventualities. (Laughter and Cheers).

SHARP CRITICISM

Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Deputy Leader of the Labour Opposition, asked: Does the Prime Minister regard the First Lord as a fit person to hold this important post and will he give an assurance that such indiscreet, irresponsible and unpremeditated statements shall not be repeated in future by responsible officers of the Crown?

Mr. Chamberlain: "The First Lord has expressed his regret that his words, which perhaps were not very happily chosen, should have given rise to so much comment and so much unnecessary alarm."

"I do not think that affects the efficiency of Lord Stanhope."

PREMIER TAKES BLAME

Replying to Sir Archibald Sinclair (Liberal), Mr. Chamberlain said he thought it appropriate for the Government from time to time to make requests to the press—it was no more—and that he always found the press ready to comply.

Mr. Chamberlain added: "I must take blame for the action which certainly did not produce the effect I wanted."

Mr. A. V. Alexander and other members of the Labour Opposition asked if Lord Stanhope's statement was not "most unwise."

The Premier retorted that Mr. Alexander was making more of the incident than necessary.

Eventually the Speaker intervened and the matter was dropped.

KEEN REGRET

In the House of Lords yesterday Lord Stanhope himself made

an explanatory statement, in which he said:

"I can only express my keen regret that any remarks of mine emphasising the readiness of the Navy to meet all eventualities, even when, as now, easier leave is being given, should have been added to the work of the Premier or cause concern to anyone else."—Reuter.

IN EMPIRE BROADCAST

The Premier first declared that he had received that morning a full account of the incident from Lord Stanhope and continued: "In the course of the speech, the First Lord of Admiralty pointed out that some of the audience had not been able to come since they had been kept on board their ships in readiness to man their guns in accordance with the standing order for periods of tension. No other orders have been given by the Admiralty except that the standing order should not be neglected on account of special occasions."

With regard to what happened afterwards, I wish to say that in course of the evening I was informed of the widespread comment caused by an earlier broadcast of Lord Stanhope's speech. I then learnt that the speech, although it formed

G-MEN RAID TO MUSIC

While startled dancers watched, G-men swooped on seventy-three Broadway night clubs and searched account books.

Then, as the swing bands played, the G-men left.

It was the start of a tax evasion purge.

The Federal authorities want to "clean up" Broadway's "hot spots," where, they say, tax slackers make big pickings from debutantes, jitter-bugs and night-club habitués.

a part of the Empire transmissions, had not yet been broadcast in this country. As it appeared to me that—as in fact happened—the speech would be regarded as a sensation, although there were no grounds for any sensation at all, I arranged that the press should be asked not to publish the speech of the First Lord of Admiralty or at least not to attach any particular importance to it. Apparently my endeavours to spare the public unnecessary excitement have not been wholly successful.

GREENWOOD'S FEAR

Mr. Arthur Greenwood, reproached the Prime Minister for making light of the matter.

It would be easy to imagine, declared Mr. Greenwood that an ill-considered utterance of this sort could lead the country into war.—Trans-Ocean.

STILL AWAITING FURTHER INFORMATION

London, To-day.

Replying to the Hon. J. J. Stourton (Conservative) in the House of Commons yesterday, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, said the Foreign Secretary was at present awaiting further information from His Majesty's Ambassador in China in regard to the present position in regard to the Chun Tah and other cotton mills occupied by the Japanese in Shanghai. — Reuter.

TEXT OF SPEECH BY LORD STANHOPE

THE statement by the First Lord of the Admiralty, Lord Stanhope, which has aroused such a furore, was published in the "China Mail" yesterday through Trans-Ocean, the German news agency.

Reuter ignored the speech until this morning, when the following was cabled from London:

In a speech on Tuesday night which was the subject of a Commons statement yesterday, Lord Stanhope addressing an audience of about 1,000 on board H.M.S. "Ark Royal," explained the absence of the Duke of Kent on account of a sore throat.

He immediately continued: "Unfortunately there are others who

are not with us to-night, because shortly before I left the Admiralty, it became necessary to give orders to man the anti-aircraft guns of the Fleet."

"Long before guests came on board this ship, 16 anti-aircraft guns could have given a warm welcome to anyone who happened to come this way."

With this announcement (says Reuter) Lord Stanhope ended his speech.

COMMONS STATEMENT ON ANGLO-POLISH TALKS EXPECTED TO-DAY

London, To-day.
The Anglo-Polish conversations, which were continued yesterday afternoon between the Prime Minister and Lord Halifax and the Polish Foreign Minister, Colonel Beck, at a meeting which lasted about 90 minutes had reached a stage which justifies confident expectations that the Prime Minister will be in a position to make a statement in the Commons this morning (Thursday).

It is possible there may be another short meeting between the British Ministers and Colonel Beck, who in any case were all the guests of Count Raczynski, the Polish Ambassador, at a dinner at the Polish Embassy last night.

Colonel Beck visits the Fleet at Portsmouth to-day and will end his visit to London on Friday. — British Wireless.

WARSAW COMMENT

Warsaw, To-day.
Commenting on Tuesday's conversations the semi-official organ "Gazeta Polska" regards it as extremely probable that the parleys will produce concrete results.

The "Express Poranny" stresses the bilateral character of the negotiations.

The "Kurjer Poranny" publishes hints regarding the results to be expected and stresses two points:

- (1) That the independence of Polish foreign policy must be maintained.
- (2) That Poland has always adhered to the view that her relations with her neighbours must be based on the principle of full equality of rights and duties.

The "Polska Zbrojna," the organ of the Polish army, regards it as highly significant that the programme of Colonel Beck's visit to England includes the inspection of the British naval base at Portsmouth. The paper draws attention to the fact that an unusually large number of officers of high rank of the British army, navy and air-force attended the banquet given in Colonel Beck's honour yesterday. — Trans-Ocean.

NOTHING TO ADD

London, To-day.
The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, asked in the Commons if following the guarantee to Poland, the Government would enter into conversations with Holland, Switzerland, Denmark and Belgium with

TWO AWAY WINS

London, To-day. — Two Scottish League first division matches were held yesterday. Celtic winning by the odd goal in five from Motherwell in an away fixture, while Aberdeen also won away from home beating Kilmarnock by three clear goals. — Reuter.

IL DUCE'S REQUEST OF MEXICO

Mexico City, To-day.
The Mexican Government has been asked by Mussolini to supply Italy with 2,500,000 barrels of fuel oil in exchange for 1,000 tons of rayon. — Reuter.

ANGLO-FRENCH AIR FORCE COOPERATION

Paris, To-day.
M. Guy La Chambre, the French Air Minister, returned yesterday from London where he had talks with the British Air Minister, Sir Kingsley Wood.
M. La Chambre told the press he was very satisfied with the talks and the spirit of co-operation of Sir Kingsley Wood and his collaborators. — Reuter.

POLAND WANTS HUNGARY TO BE INCLUDED

London, To-day.
Poland and Britain, according to the Poles, have agreed, in principle, on a solution of the Jewish question in Poland.

It is understood that practical measures in accordance with this agreement will follow.

It is reported that Colonel Beck, the Polish Foreign Minister, maintained the Polish position that Hungary should not be omitted from Eastern European defensive alliances.

Colonel Beck is said to have emphasised Poland's disinclination to include Russia. — Reuter.

NOW THEY'RE DOING THE NAZI TROT!

Herr Goebbels has banned the Lambeth Walk throughout Germany, and instead has substituted a Nazi version of the dance.

The German dance includes schupplatter (thigh smacking), followed by the singers banging their beer mugs on the table and shouting "Heil" instead of "Oi."

Goebbels has also forbidden listeners to tune into the B.B.C.'s "Music from the Movies" programme on Saturdays.

END OF NYON PATROL

London, To-day.

It is stated in London that the British Ambassador in Rome had visited Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, and discussed with him the winding up of the international anti-submarine patrol which was set up following the Nyon Conference some eighteen months ago. — British Wireless.

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Germany Adopts Sharper Tone

Berlin, To-day.

A noticeably sharper tone towards Poland than has prevailed in the last few days in the German press, is adopted by the "Deutsche Diplomatische Korrespondenz."

It rejects the reasons given by the Polish press for a Polish participation in the "latest diplomatic movements" namely that the latest actions of Germany had shaken the confidence of States neighbouring on the Reich.

"Korrespondenz" refers to the Anglo-Polish conversations and states that the assertion that Germany had been contemplating an attack on Poland was no kind of reason for serious discussions between the Polish and foreign states.

"In view of Polish utterances, a review of Polish conduct in the last few months is instructive. Quite apart from the fact that Poland, as an ally of France on her own initiative, and, 'also without a Munich,' forced her territorial claims against Czechoslovakia in exactly the same manner as Germany had done, that reproaches made against Germany could with the same right be made against Poland."

Not only by Hungary, but also by Poland, the abolition of the independence of the Carpatho-Ukraine, formerly part of Czechoslovakia, was demanded with the utmost vigour.

OTHER MOTIVES

Since all that is of no particular moment to-day other reasons, other motives and other methods must have been the cause of the diplomatic action begun in London but are for good reasons kept in the background. At all events, it is not

possible to foresee from Berlin in what direction the Polish policy under the influence of pressure from London will turn.

Whatever might happen, it seems no superfluous that the motives at work should be appraised at their true worth. For judgment on the whole political consequences of this action, the true background and its possible or intended effects cannot be ignored."—Trans-Ocean.

FOREIGNER ON TRAFFIC CHARGE

Mr. L. P. Tamworth, of No. 5, The Peak, appeared again before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning at the Kowloon Magistracy on a charge of failing to comply with directions given to him by a Police Officer in uniform at Salisbury Road car park on March 11.

Traffic Inspector A. R. Brittain prosecuted and Mr. Nigel appeared for the defendant and pleaded not guilty.

Indian constable Sintosh Singh said that at 4.35 p.m. on March 11 he was on duty in front of the Peninsula Hotel car park under special instructions from the Traffic Officer to prohibit all cars parking on that particular space on that day owing to the A. R. P. demonstration.


Defendant drove his car into the park and on being told that he could not park his car there, refused to leave.

Answering Mr. Nigel the Indian constable said the space was a car park on normal days and had a sign board in the rear.

The case is continuing.

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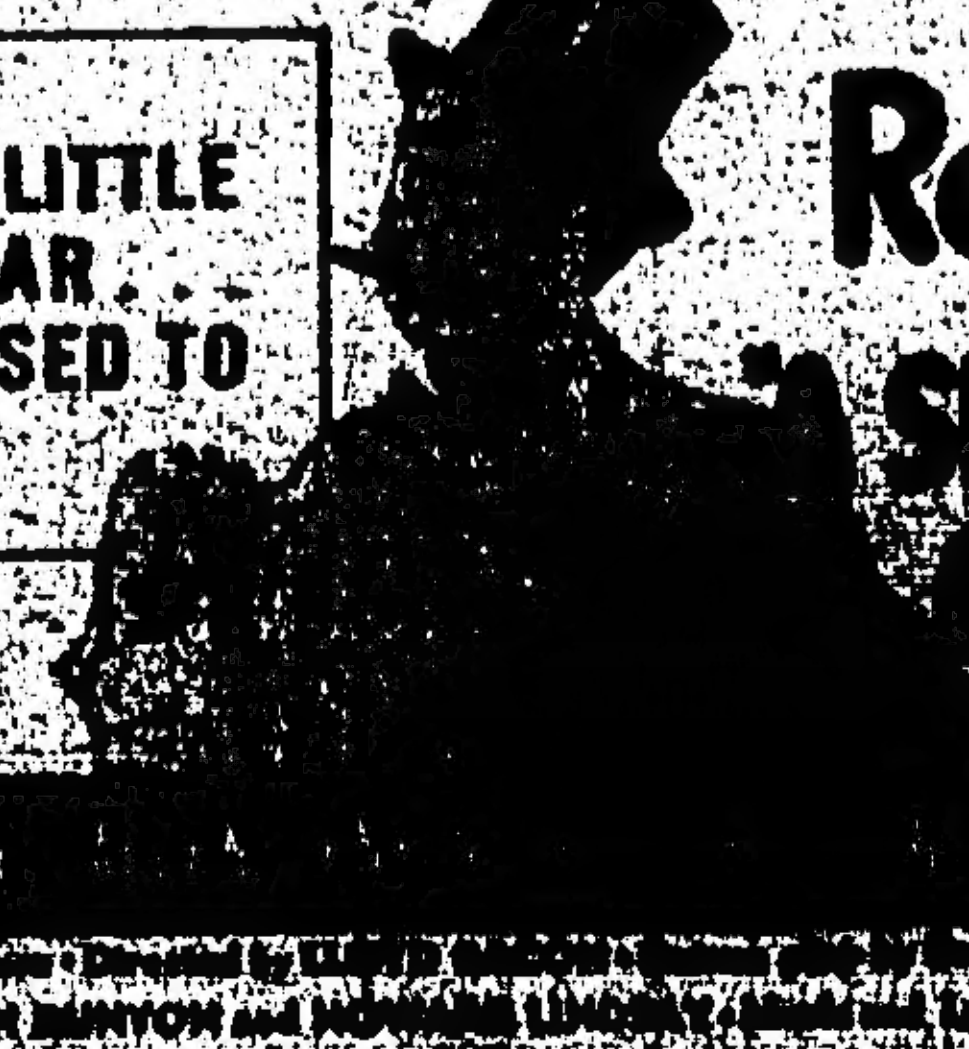
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NOTORIOUS PRESSURE ON PRAGUE: REVEALING BOOK ON MUNICH

Munich and the Dictators, by R. W. Seton-Watson. (Methuen, 5s.)

Danubian Destiny, a survey after Munich, by Graham Hutton. (Harper, 7s. 6d.)

Word Warfare, some aspects of German propaganda and English liberty, by John Gloag. (Nicholson and Watson, 3s. 6d.)

"It is no exaggeration to describe this as the most formidable demand ever addressed by a British Government to a friendly nation in time of peace, and the Prime Minister may be challenged to produce from the history of our foreign policy any document so humiliating and so contrary to the spirit of our country."

The reference is to the Anglo-French Plan of September last for the dismemberment of Czechoslovakia at Hitler's request. The speaker is Professor Seton-Watson, the country's greatest living authority on Central Europe, whose indictment is made more weighty by his confession that, up to Munich, he was a supporter of the "National" Government.

Worse than that discreditable document was the notorious but still too little understood pressure on the Czechs to accept defeat in advance.

PRESSURE ON PRAGUE

Here the Professor is able to reveal, from cipher information that reached him at the time from the highest sources, the exact nature of the "Midnight Ultimatum" delivered under verbal instructions to President Benes by the British and French Ministers in Prague, Mr. Newton and M. Lacroix, the latter "reduced to tears by his humiliating position."

Britain leading France, the two Governments told the Czech Government that:

"If it does not unconditionally and at once accept the Anglo-French Plan, it will stand before the world as solely responsible for the war which will ensue (they are thus apparently entirely exonerating the German Government.)"

Britain would under no circumstances march, and France would not fulfil her treaty obligations. The Prime Minister blandly told the House of Commons on September 28 that "the Czechoslovak Government was urged to accept the Anglo-French proposals!"

Gravely challenging Chamberlain's unprecedented departure from constitutional practice in conducting foreign affairs, and his "totalitarian tendencies," the Professor asserts

that "peace can neither be attained by yielding to dictation nor by suppression of awkward facts."

Professor Seton-Watson concludes with a powerful argument for British co-operation with Russia and the United States as the only way to defend Peace and Freedom.

What Germany's present rulers want is a redistribution of the world. If their plans dominating the countries which border the Danube succeed, they will be able to attack the British Empire and break it up.

"If their enterprise is successful, it will not be due to their own merits. It will be because of their opponents' shortcomings."

Mr. Hutton, an authority on South-Eastern Europe, develops this idea in a most valuable and also fascinating series of chapters dealing with the New Danubia, the economic and military obstacles in the way of Hitler, and the methods by which the democracies might check his criminal ambitions.

They can only do it, he says, if they "completely close their domestic ranks, adopting a completely national foreign policy and defence system." He clearly does not consider that we have that system, or can have it, with Chamberlain as Prime Minister.

GERMAN VISIT

I have not heard of Mr. Gloag before, though he is described as "a well-known novelist, critic and broadcaster." He avows himself the un-intellectual average man, swayed by prejudice and mass emotion.

He began to hate Germans last September, when he imagined there was going to be war—not realising that the scare was a Tory stunt.

When he came to his senses he decided to visit Germany so as to get the people into the right perspective once more. He was written a useful and interesting account of what he saw and heard.

There seemed to Mr. Gloag to be among the people genuine desire for a settled and orderly state of affairs. But they will follow where they are led. They are so accustomed to "listen" to the sergeant-major, obey orders smartly, spring to attention, salute, goose-step, and they love it.

Our only hope of standing firmly against something which would be very like Fascism lies, Mr. Gloag says, in refusing to be regimented, in keeping what liberty we have, and declining to surrender any of it under the influence of Government propaganda.

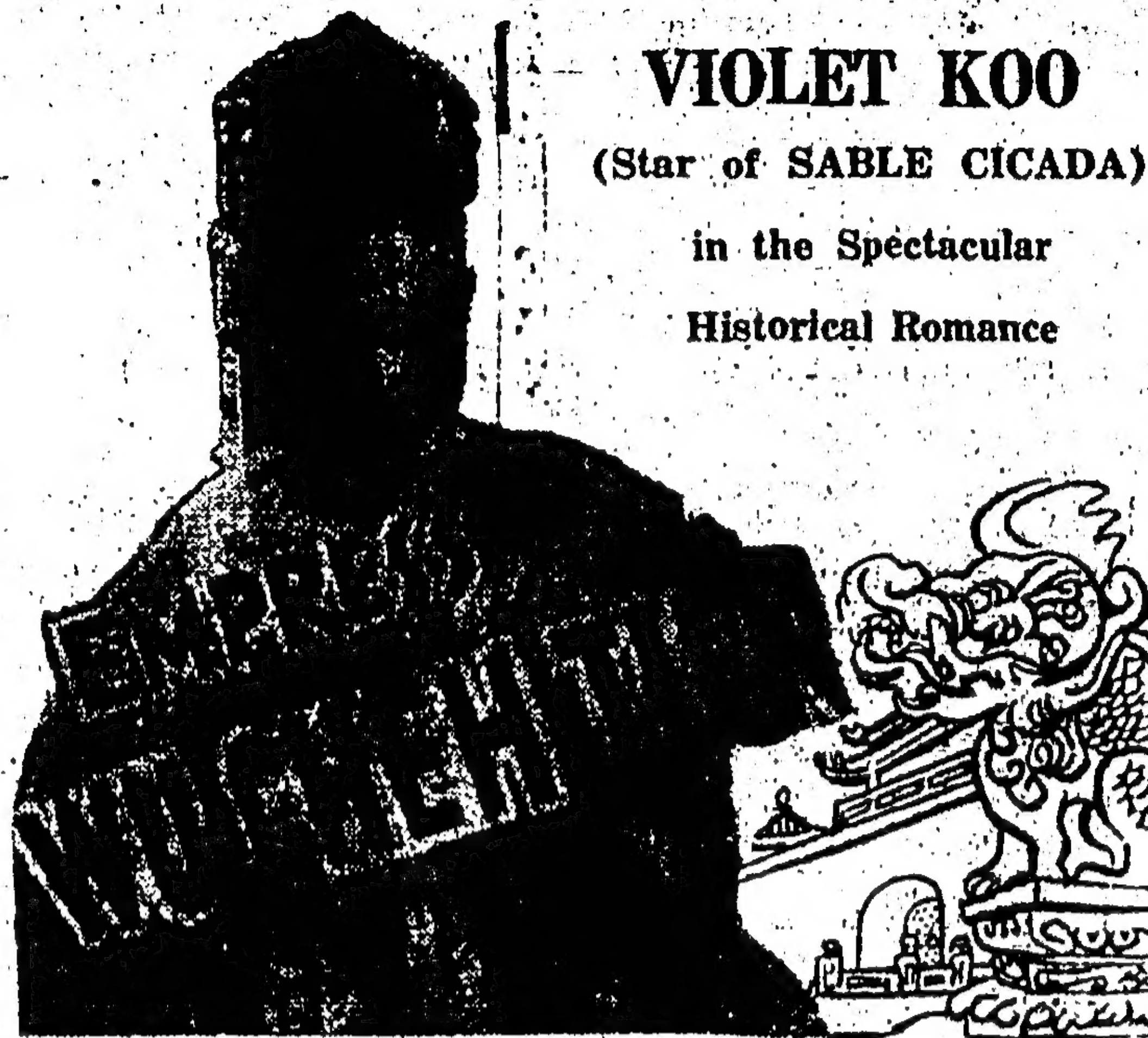
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Iraq Reparation For Murder Of British Consul

London, To-day.

THE Government's profound regret at the tragic death of Mr. G. E. A. C. Monck-Mason, British Consul at Mosul, who was stoned to death by a mob, was expressed in the House of Commons yesterday by the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

Mr. Chamberlain also expressed the House's deep sympathy in the death of King Ghazi (for which flags were flown at half mast on public buildings in London yesterday).

Mr. Chamberlain said there was not the slightest foundation for the allegations of agitators that the British Government was in some way responsible for King Ghazi's death.

PUBLIC REGRET

The Iraqi Prime Minister had informed the British charge d'affaires that a public expression of regret would be passed by the Iraqi Parliament; Mr. Monck-Mason would be accorded a public funeral with full honours, and there would be a suitable grant to Mr. Monck-Mason's dependants and reparation for the damage to British Government property.—Reuter.

SERIOUS VIEW

The Prime Minister also stated that Mr. Houston Boswall, British charge d'affaires at Baghdad, had impressed on the Iraqi Prime Minister the very serious view taken by His Majesty's Government.

The strictest investigations were being made to fix responsibility for the crime.—British Wireless.

WIDESPREAD MOURNING

London, To-day.

A message from the High Commissioner for Palestine received at the Colonial Office reports that there has been widespread mourning over the death of King Ghazi of Iraq throughout Tuesday and yesterday.

Arab shops closed in most of the towns and prayers were said in Mosques. The Supreme Moslem Council and its office was also closed.

On Tuesday evening there was a special commemorative broadcast from Jerusalem station and the Mayor of Jerusalem gave an obituary address.—British Wireless.

THEFT FROM K.F.C. BAR

Mr. Leslie Bones, of the Kowloon Football Club, appeared as complainant before Mr. E. Himsworth this morning at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court when a Club assistant gardener, Lui Sang, 20, was charged with breaking into the Club's bar and stealing cigarettes worth \$15 from the bar.

A fine of \$20 or five weeks' hard labour was imposed.

Mrs. R. Duggan, of No. 8, Fortress Hill, reported that at about 5 p.m. on Tuesday she took her dog to the Hong Kong Jockey Club and when leaving the car her daughter was sitting by the dog. Her daughter was frightened and ran away while the dog was barking.

MAGISTRATE'S FINDING: PURELY ACCIDENTAL

Baghdad, To-day.

In published findings, the magistrate investigating King Ghazi's death states:

"The crash was purely accidental, and I therefore have decided to close the case as there is no suspicion of a criminal act."

The magistrate examined two passengers who were in the King's car at the time and are now in hospital suffering from injuries.—Reuter.

LABOUR'S ATTITUDE IN TIME OF WAR

London, To-day.

The General Council of the Trades Union Congress held a special meeting yesterday to consider various problems arising from the control of labour in time of war.

It is reported that after general discussion it was decided to refer the whole question to committee for detailed examination.

The General Council, it is understood, proposes to consult affiliated Unions before forwarding specific proposals to the Minister of Labour.—British Wireless.

CABARET GIRLS ON ASSAULT CHARGE

Before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy this morning, two dancing hostesses, Leung Ying and Chan Yuk-chun, were charged with common assault at Queen's Dance Hall in Hennessy Road on March 1.

Complainant, Cheung Sik-lin, also a cabaret girl, told the Court that on the evening of March 1, she was leaving the Queen's Dance Hall with a friend, when first defendant, Leung, stopped her at the doorway. During an argument first defendant struck her, while second defendant, Chan, assisted.

Mr. Houston ordered defendants and complainant to sign a bond of \$25 to keep the peace for a year. Complainant Cheung refused to sign the bond. She said she had done nothing wrong and in default was willing to serve a month's imprisonment.

Retaliatory Action By Britain Under Discussion

TRADE RESTRICTIONS IN CHINA MAY BE FOLLOWED IN BRITISH COLONIES

London, To-day.

Retaliatory action against the Japanese restrictions on foreign trade in North China, by similar restrictions in our Colonies, was suggested in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. Robert Morgan, Conservative member for Stourbridge.

Mr. Morgan suggested, in view of the action of the Japanese Government in restricting exports from North China to those financed through Japanese-controlled banks, similar British action.

JAPANESE KILLED IN BORDER BATTLE

Hsinking, To-day.

It is announced that three Japanese soldiers were killed in two days' engagements with Soviet forces attacking Liuchia, the three rivers district north-east of Manchuli.

The Soviet forces, supported by three artillery pieces and light and heavy machineguns, were driven back, the Japanese claim. The Russian casualties are not known.

Two to three hundred men were engaged in the fight. — Reuter.

JOINT PLAN OF STRATEGY IN MEDITERRANEAN

London, To-day.

The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster was asked in the Commons if any plans for concerted French and British action in the Mediterranean existed.

He was also asked if any conversations between the French and British naval, military and air authorities concerning such plans had recently taken place or were contemplated.

Mr. W. S. Morrison replied that contacts between the two Staffs regarding strategic questions affecting both countries which were initiated three years ago are being continued.

In the course of these contacts all questions affecting strategic considerations common to both countries are under review. — British Wireless.

We, he said, should prohibit entry into British or Crown Colony ports of all exports from North China unless accompanied by Consular certification that they have been financed through a British, American or French bank.

Mr. R. A. Butler, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, gave a written answer.

He said the proposal referred to by Mr. Morgan was being examined in common with the general question of protection of British interests in China.

He could not say at present what decision would be reached. — Reuter.

LEGISLATIVE CONFUSION OVER COTTON

Washington, To-day.

The legislative outlook for cotton was further confused when Chairman Jones of the House of Representatives agricultural committee yesterday labelled the Senate-approved Bankhead Bill inadequate.

At the same time he proposed appropriation of \$300,000,000 of which \$200,000,000 would be for parity payments and \$100,000,000 to expand farm markets.

Mr. Jones favours a subsidy to increase domestic cotton consumption together with a bounty to farmers to secure the release of loan cotton.

NEW PROPOSALS

Meanwhile a series of conferences of Senators has resulted in decision to introduce a bill providing for parity payments not only for cotton but for other agricultural products as a substitute for all other schemes for relief of the farm problem.

The bill may form an amendment to the original Smith Bill or the re-drafted Smith Bill, and funds would be asked for at least \$270,000,000.

The House of Representatives agricultural committee has agreed to take no action on the Bankhead Bill. — Reuter.

MR. BUTLER HOPES

Shanghai, To-day.
Replying to Captain Alan Graham (Conservative) in the House of Commons yesterday, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, said it was hoped that the arrangements which had been made for co-operation between the Shanghai Municipal Council and the Japanese authorities would result in improvement of conditions in the so-called "bad lands" of Shanghai. — Reuter.

ITALIANS TO LEAVE SPAIN IN FEW DAYS?

Paris, To-day.

According to reports reaching here from Burgos and London, the Italian legionaries, as well as German technicians, will be repatriated after taking part in the big military parade before General Franco at Easter in Madrid. — Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE PROGRESS IN KAOAN AREA

Siuehshui, To-day.

After heavy street fighting, Chinese troops at Kaoan on the Nanchang-Changsha highway, 40 miles southwest of Nanchang, Changsha highway, 40 miles southwest of Nanchang, have been withdrawn to the western suburbs and the south bank of the Chin River.

Sharp fighting is taking place in the heights in the western suburbs.

YANGTSE POSITION UNCHANGED

London, To-day.

The position remains unchanged respecting reopening of the Yangtse River commercially, said the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Replying to Commander A. Marsden (Conservative), Mr. Butler said: "We are continuing to press for restoration of normal trade conditions."

Mr. Butler continued that the effect of trade with North China of the regulations imposed at the Japanese Government's instance, under which since March 11 a high proportion of the North China export trade has been prohibited unless foreign exchange proceeds are sold against Federal Reserve banknotes at 1/2d, has been the cessation of foreign trade at Tientsin.

TRADE CEASED

Foreign trade had also ceased in other Northern ports, as far as the Foreign Secretary was aware, said Mr. Butler.

Replying to Mr. Robert Morgan (Conservative), Mr. Butler said: "We are still awaiting the Japanese Government's reply." — Reuter.

Since April 3, the Japanese guns mounted east of Kaoan city have been heavily shelling across the Chin River, reducing many villages on the south bank to ruins.

Chinese vanguards launching a counter-drive toward Wuning in north Kiangsi, have reached the south and west suburbs. Under the heavy Chinese pressure, the Japanese in the city are calling for reinforcements. — Central News.

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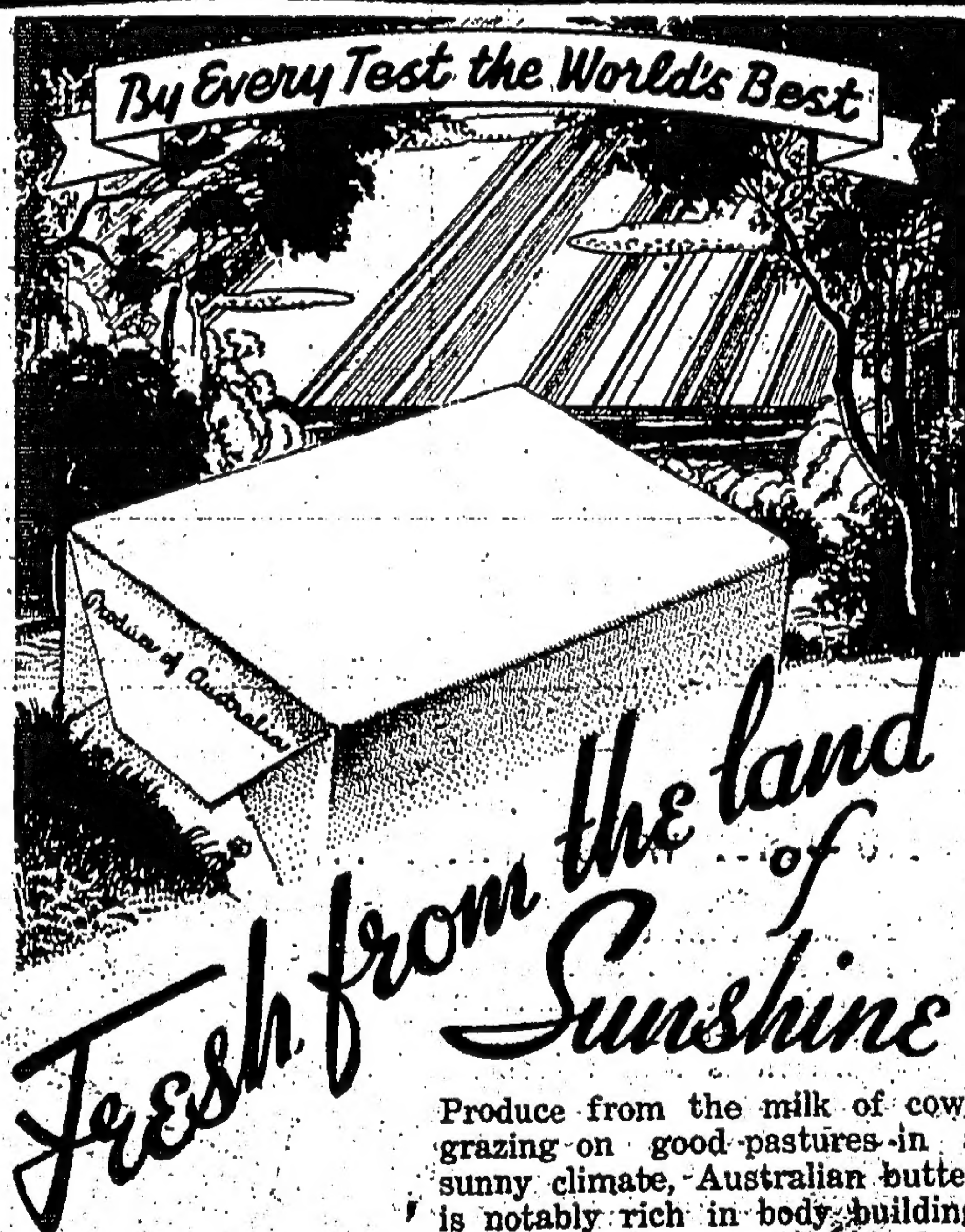
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There was only one hitch. It was something Erla Davenport mentioned in a casual round about way.

"Jim's fun. We all thought he was fun."

"Really, darling. Don't tell me, I'm that far down on the list." Erla made a business of counting on her fingers. "Number eight. Yes, that's right. First, there was Marie, then Kay, then Janet and then, worse luck, me."

"How awful! Tell me, darling, how does one exit gracefully, I mean, when one gets bored?"

"One doesn't," Erla said lightly. "He does."

Erla's warning had come almost too late. Just last night Peggy had decided she loved him. They had talked vaguely of running away together. Thank goodness he had wanted to wait until to-day to complete their plans.

She wondered momentarily just how much Erla knew. I was a little frightening to think that she and Marie and Kay and all the others had been

Quite a few. I'm telling you this, because I can't lie to you. I've got to be honest and tell you the truth."

"And make a martyr of yourself. You know that lying would do no good, because I'd find out. So you seize the chance to make yourself out a hero."

He seized her hand. "Darling, that isn't so! I love you! Dear God, I love you! Oh, don't you see how hard it's going to be for me to prove to you that I mean it?"

She hesitated, because he seemed so deadly in earnest, and he was so handsome and had so completely won her heart. But she remembered Erla's warning and her cool confidence.

"I believe you, Jim. I think you mean all that. You make yourself mean it, as you have so many times before. Those other women aren't fools. They must have thought you believed it too. No, Jim, that isn't enough. Your record's against you. I don't intend to run the risk of suffering what those others suffered."

He was pleading now, frantic. "Darling, for God's sake, don't! Can't you see it was never the same with the others? Can't you see you're different, that this is the real thing? I love you! I'll never stop loving you? How can you be so cruel? Do I deserve this because of a few harmless affairs with other women? Losing the only girl who ever meant anything to me? The

By Meredith Scholl

so much aware of this that was happening. Fear gave way to resentment because they had waited until now, until this crucial moment, to warn her. Women are like that. Women who have suffered like to see others suffer from the same cause.

Even so, Peggy decided, the task that lay ahead wasn't going to be easy. She had allowed herself to love Jim Hibbard quite completely. It was going to be hard forgetting him. She wondered whether she could ever completely put him from her mind. These past few weeks had been so glorious. Men as romantic as Jim Hibbard were rare indeed, and a woman needs romance.

She was prepared when he called for her that night. She knew, and not without a little thrill, that her attempts to look lovelier and more alluring than ever on this, their last, evening together, had not been futile.

"You're gorgeous! May I kiss you?" He was like that. He asked if he might kiss her, knowing that she was as eager as he, but knowing too how it suaved her pride to be asked.

She smiled, but did not come into his arms. "Wouldn't that be a little ironic?"

Instantly he sensed that something was wrong. He stared at her a long time, searching her mind. She was proud of her ability to remain inscrutable, in command of the situation. Slowly he said: "I don't think I quite understand."

She gestured. "Oh, Jim, what's the use of going on? We've had fun. Let's part friends. The way you did with the others."

"So that's it?" "That's it. I've been warned. They saw that the time was ripe, so they warned me. You don't deny the others, do you, Jim?"

His lips pressed together firmly. His eyes smoldered. "The cats!" He turned suddenly and looked at her squarely. There was something in his eyes she hadn't seen before. "I could deny it. I could deny everything. But I'm not going to. There have been others.

one girl in all the world who can make me happy?"

She stood up, because she could not bear to hear more, because her heart was breaking.

"No, Jim! It's over! Finished! I couldn't be satisfied with a man—with your record!"

She did not know when he turned away. She heard the door open and close. She turned then, and tears were in her eyes. And her heart was suddenly empty and it seemed that never again could she be the same, never happy or gay and laughing.

Outside, Jim Hibbard sighed heavily. Then he squared his shoulders and stepped briskly along the street. He was thinking that to-morrow night he could go to Hal Esson's party after all. Hal was having a cousin of his from the west. A beauty, according to all reports.

A smile played about Jim's lips. The prospect pleased him. A new conquest. A new affair. Girls from the west, he was told, loved romance. Well, he was just the boy who knew how to be romantic.

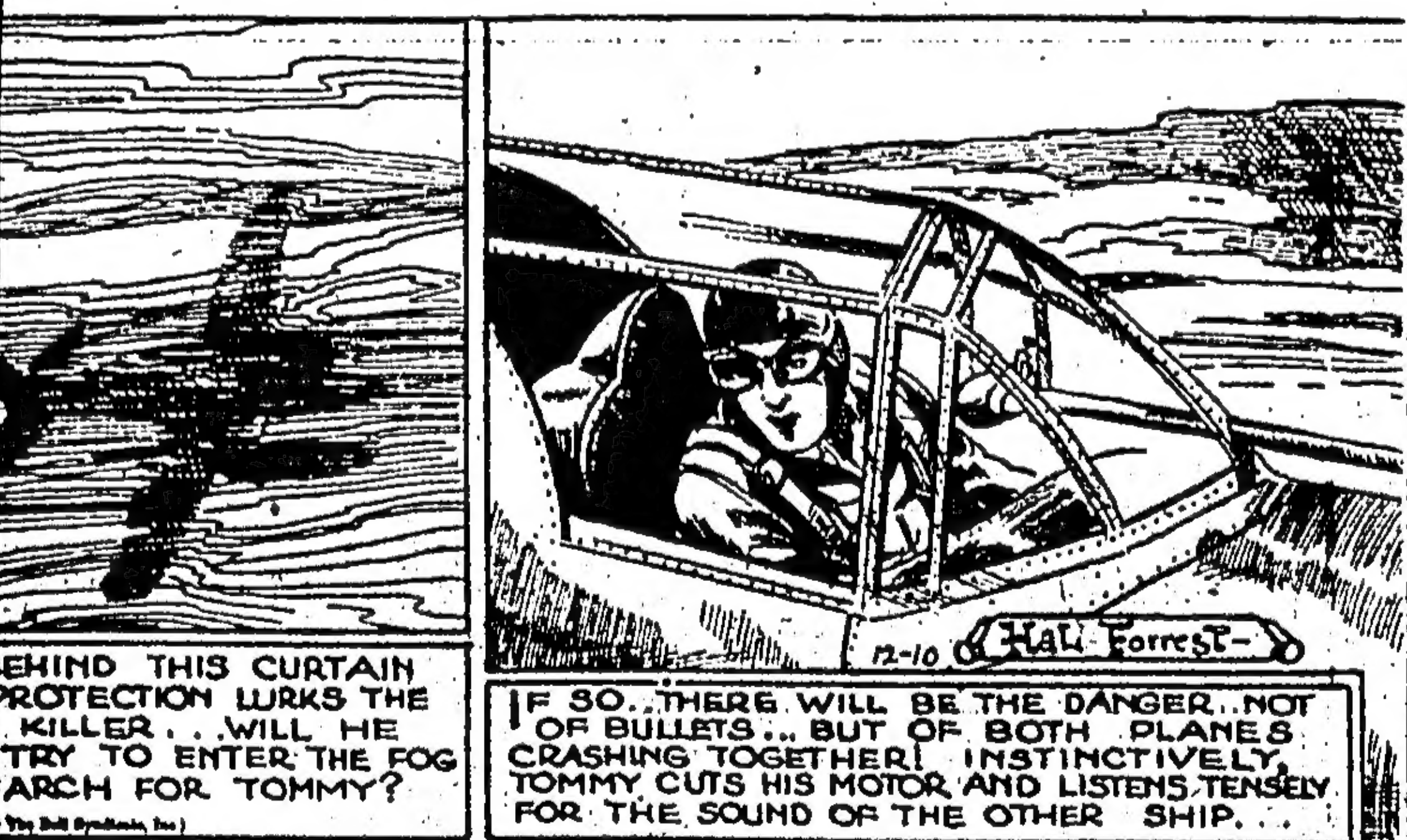
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RADIUM FOR GERMANY

The German-Ozech special commission on the Sudeten areas, sitting at Berlin, has decided that Czechoslovakia must surrender to Germany the radium supplies and surgical instruments from the radium spa at St. Joachimsthal. These were taken to Prague before the Munich agreement.

St. Joachimsthal, now transferred to Germany, is practically the sole European source of pitchblende from which radium is extracted.

By HAL FORREST



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THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S CORNER

By Muriel Nissen

HEROES TO BE HONOURED

THE United States Post Office Department has embarked on plans for the long discussed series honouring famous Americans, by inviting suggestions for subjects. It is proposed to have the series include portraits of men who have made important contributions to the world of literature, music, art, science, medicine and the like. Excluded from the set will be army and navy heroes, as they had their philatelic day in the issue especially dedicated to them in 1937. Living persons are also barred from these stamps as are all Americans previously portrayed on our postage.

There is no doubt that it will receive a hearty response to its requests for suggestions and it is also a certainty that there will be many quarrels with the ultimate decisions. It is expected that the denominations will be kept in the low brackets, as it is rumoured that many collectors are still feeling the effects of the presidential series outlay.

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THE Golden Gate Exposition is receiving many philatelic honours from neighbour republics to the south. San Salvador's bow to San Francisco's fair consists of three air mail stamps in uniform design. The central subject is the Golden Gate Bridge connecting San Francisco with Treasure Island, where the exposition is being held. The coat-of-arms of San Salvador appears in the upper left corner while the upper right spot is occupied by the California State seal. The inscription "Golden Gate Exposition" appears in both English and Spanish. Colours and values are: black and yellow—15 centavos, black and brown—30c.; black and blue—40c.

BOLIVIAN ISSUE

THE most precious fur-bearing animal in the world appears on two stamps in the new series released by Bolivia on January 21. The set consists of 18 values in eight designs, most of them picturing out-of-the-ordinary animals.

The llama, Bolivia's principal beast of burden is featured on the 2 centavos green, 4c brown and 5c blue-green stamps. This creature is a member of the camel family, but it is smaller than its desert cousin and has no hump. A wild species of the llama is the vicuna, pictured on three stamps of the set. This animal is found only in the most desolate mountains of South America and has an extremely valuable coat of fine, short wool. Export of its skin is controlled by the Bolivian government, and it is seldom that they reach United States' markets. The vicuna is pictured on the 10c black, 15c bright green and 20c olive green values. A coat-of-arms design is used for the 25 c. yellow; and 30c. blue denomination and a portrait of Garza is used for the 40c. red and 45c. gray stamps. The chinchilla, from whose skins are made the most expensive fur coats in the world, appears on the 60c. rose and 75c. light blue stamps. He is a small animal to be so honour-

ed as his length is only about 15 inches. A chinchilla coat to cover even a slender miss requires several hundred skins and \$2,000 would not be an unusual price for it. The remaining stamps picture: a toucan on the 90c. orange, and 1B red; jaguar—4B brown and 5B sepia; condor 2B carmine and 3B violet.

COVER SERVICE

ACTIVE cover collectors as well as beginners in this specialised form of philately, will be interested in a forty-page booklet entitled "Cover Collecting Guide and Directory", published by the Cover Exchange at Scranton, Pennsylvania. This pamphlet, which is an annual publication of the organisation, contains many helpful suggestions on building cover collections. It includes a list of United States First Day Covers, arranged in order of scarcity.

First Day covers sometimes have a very rapid rise in value. Prices on first day covers of the Presidential series now range from 5 cents for the lowest denominations to \$7.50 for a cover bearing the \$5 item.

Professor L. P. Miller, secretary of the Cover Exchange, Box 733, Scranton, Pennsylvania, will be glad to send prospective or present collectors any information concerning the service they handle.

LATIN INSCRIPTION ABANDONED



RECENT chronicles have related the adoption of the Latin alphabet by Turkey and now it seems that Iran has abandoned our western lettering. A new stamp set, bearing a portrait of Riza Shah Pahlavi, have appeared without the inscription "Postes Iranienne" which has been a part of Persian postage for the past 60 years. Values and colours in the new issue are: 5 dinars violet; 10d. rose; 15d. violet; 30d. yellow-green; 45d. vermillion; 50d. brown; 60d. yellow-brown and 1.50 rials blue.

STAMP TEASERS

1. An altar fire beside a sacred oak tree appears on what stamp?
 2. Who was Francesco Ferrucci and what stamp honours him?
 3. On what adhesive do you find a crusader kneeling to pray?
 4. Can you locate the building known as Ras-el-Tin Palace?
 5. What stamp issue has honoured the Karageorgevich Dynasty?
- LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS
1. The Pinzon Brothers of Spain rendered considerable aid to Columbus in arranging his expedition to find a short cut to India. Martin Pinzon commanded the "Pinta" and Vincente Pinzon had charge of the "Nina" on the famous trip. They are pictured on Spanish stamps of 1930.
 2. A parade ground appears on a 1935 stamp of San Salvador.
 3. A Swedish adhesive of 1936 pictures a motor mail van.
 4. Lake Atitlan is in Guatemala, and a view of it is shown on a stamp of the 1935 issue.
 5. A daisy is part of a stamp design on a 1930 stamp of Latvia.

HOROSCOPE HARRY

A revered astrologer says that "many of the events of the year will centre around (1) staff and servants (if you employ such); (2) personal health (if you don't take pains to keep fit); and (3) intellectual or spiritual interests (if you have any)".

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THE PERFECT CRIME

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on the table by the phial, replaced the fountain pen, put the box and other articles back in the case, and left the room, taking care not to switch off the light. Actor to the last, he called out as he went out of the front door, "Good-night, old man. See you in the morning."

Back in his flat, Lewis carefully washed the one phial he had brought back, burnt the wooden box together with the specimen of Horsfield's handwriting, and then reviewed the position.

He had been certain of the success of the scheme before. He was equally certain now. There could be no loophole, no "one mistake" which criminals were always supposed to make. Horsfield was hard up, the missing securities, the approach of the annual audit, Horsfield's last note, the glass of whisky, his finger prints on that and on the empty phial. All these facts pointed to only one conclusion. Yes, he felt more sure than ever that detection was impossible.

Two hours later there was a knock at his door. Opening it Lewis found a police inspector there.

"Mr. Lewis?"

"Yes."

"Can I have a few words with you, sir?"

"Certainly, inspector. Will you come in?"

The inspector did so and, seated on the edge of the armchair which Lewis had assigned to him, began his questions.

"Are you in partnership with a gentleman named Horsfield, sir?"

"Yes, I am."

"Aged about forty, living at . . . ?"

"Yes, that's right."

"Well, sir, he died suddenly this evening."

"Dead! Why, I saw him myself to-night. I called on him to discuss some business."

"I was going to ask you that, sir. Mr. Horsfield was found by his housekeeper at about 10 p.m. in his lounge—poisoned. An empty whisky glass was found on the floor by his side and on the table was a note. The doctor fixes the time of death as between 8.30 and 9 p.m."

"Good heavens . . . that must have been just after I left him."

"Did he give you a drink, sir?"

"No, funnily enough I almost asked him for one, but thought perhaps he was short. Poor old Stanley. Suicide I suppose? Fancy him taking it to heart like that."

"Taking what to heart, sir?"

"Well, on the theory of suicide, I can only suppose the business has been worrying him. You may as well know, inspector, we have not been doing very well for some time and I went to see my partner to-night with particulars of a new scheme for our next financial year. I have the papers in that box over there. Still, there is nothing desperate about the situation. I can't think why my partner should want to do a thing like this."

"Has your firm any valuable securities, sir?"

"Yes, they are locked in the office safe. Only Horsfield and I have keys."

"Can we go to your office and see them now?"

"Certainly."

The two went and on the way



A scene of desolation at Shumchun after the recent fire.

CABBAGES AND KINGS

Fatal

THE temperance lecturer was well under way.

"My friends", he said ponderously, "if all the public houses were at the bottom of the sea, what would be the result?"

Like a flash came the reply from the back of the hall: "Lots of people would get drowned."

Mutual

A very large, stout woman walked into the blouse department of a big store the other day and spoke to the girl behind the counter. Now this girl had just got the sack, but how was the customer to know that?

"I'd like to see a blouse that would fit me," said the woman. "So will I!" said the assistant.

Shortage

The bride and bridegroom were just departing from the bride's house to drive away for their honeymoon. As the groom prepared to leave the house, amid a shower of confetti, he snatched his hat from a peg and seized an umbrella from the hall-stand.

Just as the car was about to drive off, the bride's father dashed up.

"Here," he yelled, "you've taken my umbrella! Bring it back at once. I've got five daughters, but only one good umbrella!"

the inspector explained the purport of the note left by Horsfield.

None of the securities—which Lewis explained had been mainly foreign bearer bonds and for practical purposes untraceable—were there and the inspector returned to the police station. Lewis explained that, for the sake of Horsfield's relations, it would be better not to make too much of the lost securities.

The inspector did not call later with a warrant for Lewis's arrest. Nothing intervened to prevent the coroner (sitting without a jury) delivering at the inquest a verdict of "Suicide whilst of Unsound Mind." No suspicion of murder ever fell on Lewis—you see, this really was an example of "The Perfect Crime."

Second Order

When on leave recently, a recruit took his spurs to his brother, who worked in a large motor factory in the Midlands, and had them chromium-plated, thus saving a good deal of time over the inevitable polishing.

On his return, at the weekly inspection, his Commanding Officer picked up the spurs and examined them critically.

"You have just returned from leave?" he asked the recruit.

"Yes, sir."

"Birmingham, I believe?"

"That's right, sir."

"H'm, well—er—next time you go, take the eighteen pounder along."

Refused

A little girl was taken by her nurse to a church service, the first to which she had been. When she returned home, her mother asked: "Mary were you a good little girl at church to-day?"

"Oh, yes, mummy," replied the child. "A man offered me a big plate of money, and I said, 'No, thank you.'"

"I suppose I'm fussy . .

. . . but I don't see why, at my age, I should put up with second-best . . . For instance, I'm fond of the theatre; but, believe me, I'd rather stay away than see an indifferent play.



. . . So that's why, when you offered me whisky, I asked you to make mine a White Horse. I daresay some men hold that one Scotch whisky is as good as another. Well, when they know as much about it as I do, they will think differently."

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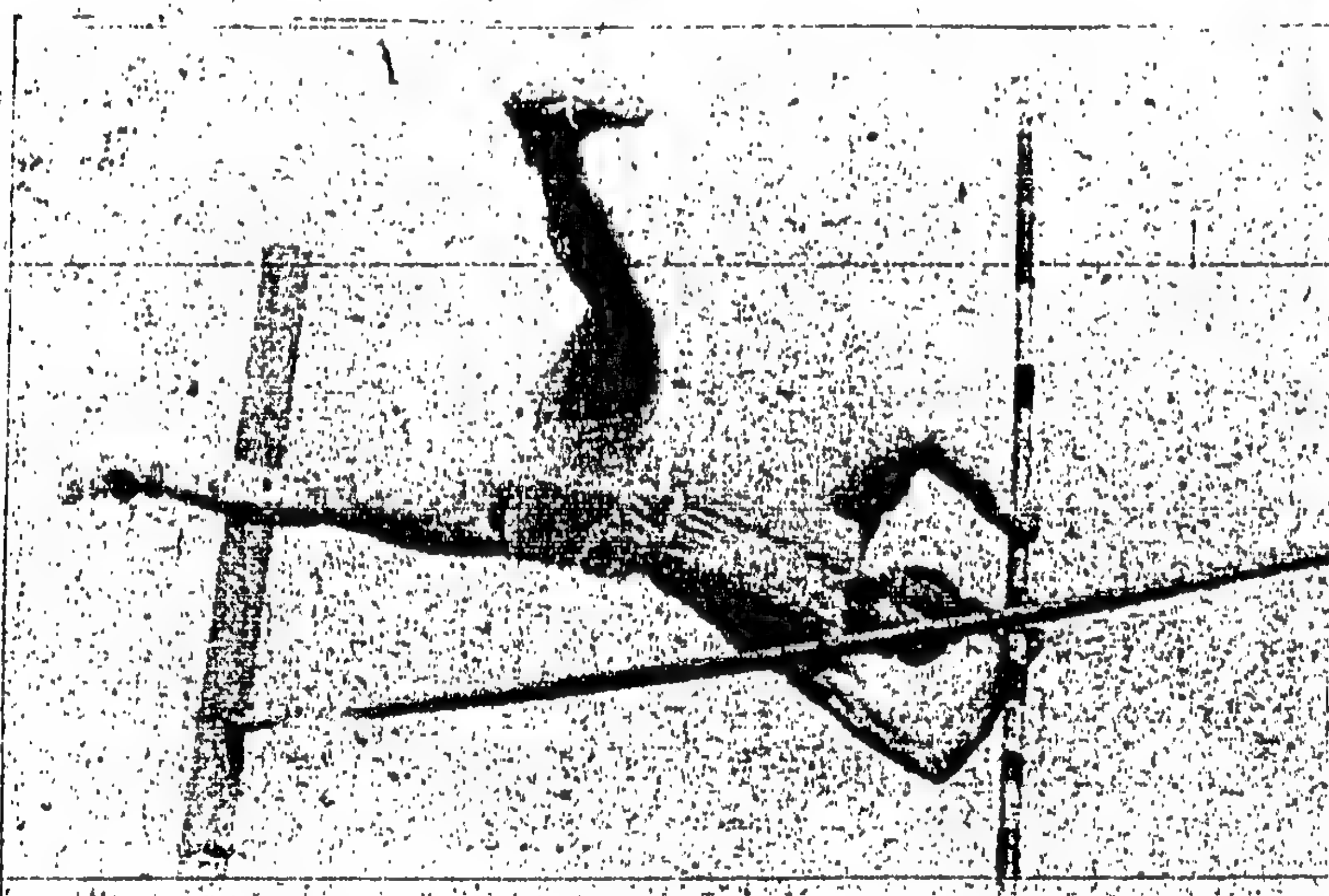
The Singapore Chinese and Hong Kong elevens taken before their match on Sunday at Caroline Hill. Hong Kong won by 3 goals to 1.



Taken at the Italian Convent Sports.



The burned out shell of the Shum Chun Theatre after the recent fire. The theatre was formerly used as a refugee centre.



Yiu Chia-hua setting a new school record for the Pole Vault at St. Paul's College Sports.



The 50 yards boys race at the Italian Convent Sports.



The 50 yards race for junior girls at the Italian Convent Sports.

DRINKING RESTRICTIONS IN GERMAN AIR FORCE

General Goering Issues Special Orders

No Canteens And No Pub Crawls

Berlin, To-day.

An appeal to German soldiers to practise moderation in smoking and drinking appears in the current number of the German Air-Force Gazette above the signature of Field Marshal Goering.

It is one of the prime duties of a soldier, says Goering, to refrain from doing anything that might impair his health. This duty places him under the compulsion of practising a high degree of abstinence in indulgence of the desire for alcohol and nicotine.

There were times when people admired a man who could stand a lot of drinks. But that has become an outworn notion. It has been proved time and again that an excessive indulgence in drink is mainly responsible for such actions as bring their perpetrators before a military court.

CARDINAL AIMS

One of the cardinal aims of the National Socialist policy is to increase the population of Great Germany. In the light of this policy, says Fieldmarshal Goering, it becomes a point of honour of every German soldier to join the fight against alcohol and nicotine seeing that an excessive indulgence in these poisons might very well in course of time damage the racial potency to such an extent as to imperil the procreation of a healthy new generation.

Moreover, by reducing the consumption of alcohol and tobacco, the nation effects a saving of foreign exchange which can then be used for the purchase of other raw materials needed by Germany.

"I do not" contemplate condemning smoking and drinking altogether. I shall combat, however, the misuse of these intoxicants.

AIR FORCE: VERBOTEN

To this end I prohibit within the domain of the air-force:

- (1) Setting up of special bars in the officers' messes and canteens.
- (2) Pub lounging.
- (3) Wassailing.
- (4) Serving drinks to soldiers who are already under the influence of alcohol.
- (5) Indulgence in alcohol immediately before or during service.
- (6) Sale of foreign wine in officers' messes.
- (7) Smoking in the streets.

Trans-Ocean.

GAMBLING DEN

Wong Pak, 44, was fined \$5 or two weeks' hard labour by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning when charged with keeping a common gambling den in So Kuk Village, Shamshuipo.

Three gamblers who failed to answer charges of gambling had their bail of \$3 estreated while the nine other gamblers were each fined \$1.

Table money, \$22.20, was donated to the Poor Box.

CHARITY BALL AT THE PENINSULA

Final preparations are now being made for the Annual Ball in aid of the funds of the Society for the Protection of Children, which will be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday, April 14 at 9.30 p.m.

In addition to two excellent dance bands, Carneiro's and the Dance Orchestra of the 2nd. Bn. The Royal Scots by kind permission of Lt. Col. D. J. McDougall M. C. and officers, there will be an attractive Cabaret, arranged by Miss O'Keefe, and each item will be presented twice, once in the Rose Room and once in the Roof Garden. Hugh Chan, with a chorus, will open with Alexander's Ragtime Band, to be followed by the "Gay Nineties" in which 10 girls will take part. Individual dances by Betty Pestonji and Noreen Jordan will complete the Cabaret.

It is advisable to book tables in advance and tickets, price \$4, which includes supper, can be had from the Hotel, from any member of the Women's Auxiliary or from the Ball Sub-Committee which consists of: Mrs. Crozier (Chairman) Mrs. Eu Tong-sen, Mrs. Li Shu-fan, Mrs. Leiper, Mrs. Pearson Grant, Mrs. Park, Mrs. Whitmore and Mrs. Overell.

H.E. the Governor has intimated his intention to attend the Ball but, unfortunately, owing to her absence from the Colony, Lady Northcote will not be present.

WEATHER FORECAST

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has increased in intensity and now covers the whole of China, Manchuria and North Japan.

Local forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate to fresh; fair.

Arrested by a Chinese constable after snatching a purse from a woman in Nathan Road yesterday Cheung Tsun-wing, 21, was this morning sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon.

NEW LEGAL BATTLE OVER OIL FIELDS

Mexico City, To-day.
Seventeen British and American petroleum companies have renewed legal proceedings against expropriation of their properties by the Mexican Government. The companies have requested an injunction against President Cardenas' decree of March 18 last year, and will carry the fight to the Mexican Supreme Court.—Reuter.

CATHOLIC COMPLAINT OF MALTA ACTION

Rome, To-day.

The "Correspondence for Vatican Information" announces that the British Governor of Malta has issued an order, according to which birth, baptism or death certificates in the Italian language will no longer be recognised by the civil registry offices.

"This is a violation of the rights of the Catholic Church," writes the "Correspondence," "for the civil law of Malta authorises Catholic priests to make out these documents and all marriages solemnised before a Catholic priest are valid by law without further formality. The language of the Catholic diocese of Malta has been Italian for hundreds of years."—Trans-Ocean.

BUSINESS TAX IMPOSED IN CANTON

CANTON, TO-DAY.

A BUSINESS TAX WILL BE IMPOSED AS FROM APRIL 15, ACCORDING TO AN ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF THE "PEACE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE."

The levy will affect all kinds of business in Canton city, and the rate will be approximately the same as that charged by the former Chinese authorities.

The tax will be collected quarterly and only Japanese military yen will be accepted in payment. Meanwhile, the Chinese authorities

HUNGARY PLAYS GERMANY'S GAME

Budapest, To-day.

The interest of Hungarian papers is concentrated more and more on the Anglo-Polish negotiations in London.

The papers expect that in the course of questions arising from inclusion in the system of guarantees of Rumania, it will become apparent that the present Hungarian-Rumanian border cannot be maintained!

This opinion is reflected in the headlines, "Rumania must come to an agreement with Hungary", "No understanding in London without fulfilment of Hungarian demands" "The fate of Transylvania has become key problem of London talks."

The "Pester Lloyd", close to the Hungarian Foreign Minister, claims that it has not escaped British circles that in Rumania are incorporated large ex-Hungarian territories and that Hungarian public opinion would consider a guarantee of these territories, acquired by Rumania in disregard of ethnical principles, to be an undue handicap on Britain's position.—Trans-Ocean.

ties have started taking a census of the population, and police are calling from house to house taking down all particulars. — Reuter.

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A MOMENT'S PAUSE

The momentary pause noticeable in Europe since Mr. Chamberlain's acceptance of inevitability of a sharp change in British foreign policy does not entitle anyone to conclude that an era of peace and quiet has been ushered in. Fundamental conflicts have not been resolved. There is much to support the thesis of Henry L. Stimson in his statement supporting an "affirmative" foreign policy for the United States. The revolutionary and explosive effects of Fascist foreign policies will not subside unless firmly resisted. And no nation can rest easy in a madly arming world.

It seems quite plain too that any real independence in Germany's small neighbours is abhorrent to Berlin, and that the recent "punishment" of the Czech people was intended to convey a warning to all. If Hungary is permitted to extend the line joining the Polish and Hungarian frontiers it is because Germany is confident that Hungary can readily be cast out of a Germany's planned path.

The wedge is being driven towards the Russian Ukraine, and new Nazi conspiracies for regional "autonomy" may reasonably be expected to appear in that territory and in Rumania. It must be supposed that all German minorities in southern and eastern European States will henceforth be regarded as advance-guards of disintegration engineered from Berlin, and that German proposals for trading agreements might well be interpreted as the hint to Nazi agitators to begin open violence. Rumania has offended in Berlin's eyes no less than Czechoslovakia originally did; Rumania also has Germans and some other minorities incorporated within the State by the Peace treaty. And what closer analogy to the late Czechoslovak Republic could there be than Yugoslavia? The Serb-Croat-Slovene kingdom is in construction almost a duplicate of that other, now disappeared, under German aggression. Its stout independence is not less an offence to the new Germany; it also has a German, or near-German, minority; it is predominantly Slav in sentiment; and it possesses desirable natural wealth. There is no obvious hindrance to Herr Hitler's using the strategic situation of Vienna to claim the same authority and political boundaries — even as "former German territory" — that the old Austria-Hungary asserted.

Italy's position becomes ever more puzzling. The Albanian move reported can only be seen as a squeeze play on Germany's behalf. Yet present indications are that the "second Munich" Italy expected to develop over Spain has been postponed. One reason apparently is that the effects of the first Munich have not been so catastrophic as many of Mr. Chamberlain's critics predicted. The "absorption" of Poland, Hun-

gary, and Rumania is now plainly no overnight task for Germany. The Berlin end of the axis is having economic difficulties. And Mussolini is clearly getting no effective encouragement for Mediterranean adventures.

London's calculations on Spain may be so nearly correct as to give success to the reversal of traditional British policy. The new line, coupled with a firm men in Washington, appears to be giving Herr Hitler food for thought. This certainly is the present aspect. Yet all who understand the underlying mental dis-ease of the day will recognise the necessity for continued alertness and positive peacemaking.

British Aid to France

In 1906, when the shadow of Germany was growing longer and darker over Europe, the French urged that Britain should have a large army, raised by compulsory service, on a Continental scale. M. Clemenceau went to London and saw the then Prime Minister, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, who referred him to the Secretary for War. "I told Clemenceau," Lord Haldane wrote in his autobiography, that our position as the island centre of a scattered Empire made our strategical position quite different from that of France. A large navy was what we required, and with it an army which that navy could transport to where it was wanted at the shortest notice. The wheel has come full circle; once more the French are pleading their need of military aid on a major scale in the event of war; and again Britain is preparing, as she prepared intensively between 1906 and 1914, a field force capable of effective intervention in Europe. Mr. Chamberlain's announcement that the force now envisaged will comprise 32 divisions of Regulars and Territorials is the sequel to the pledge of full co-operation with France. It carries British commitments no further than the Prime Minister has taken them, but it gives France an assurance that a very substantial reinforcement will be available to her in the day of need. And in the degree that the French are reassured, their potential enemies and those of Britain will be deterred from risking an aggressive war — a war into which, apart from the precise dimensions of the Expeditionary Force, the whole of Britain's enormous resources would be thrown wherever they could be most effectively used.

Immediately after the Munich crisis, the British War Office announced that the Territorial troops would be remodelled into divisions re-equipped with every ingredient necessary to the waging of war on Continental lines. With this force, Mr. Horé-Belisha links six Regular divisions, making an army which, when its training and rearmament are complete, will be reckoned powerful even when measured by the standards of the vast conscript armies of the Continent. The Army Estimates for 1939, totalling \$166 millions, an increase of over \$46 millions for the year, show how thoroughly Britain, in addition to her vast naval and aerial effort, is preparing to discharge her European and Imperial liabilities in the field. Though the latest statements may not satisfy advocates of compulsory service in Britain, it will go far to meet French expectations, and it contents those ex-Ministers, including Mr. Eden, who have been pleading for more explicit promises of military assistance to France.

Mr. Stimson Contends That U.S. Should Take Sides

WIDE DISCRETION TO PRESIDENT URGED

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Henry L. Stimson, formerly Secretary of State under President Hoover, yesterday advocated amendment of the Neutrality Act in order to give President Roosevelt wider discretionary powers.

Mr. Stimson was giving testimony before the Senate foreign relations committee.

He said that if a general European war broke out, the present Neutrality Law might facilitate a result that would make the United States "the next victim of attack."

M. LEBRUN RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT

Paris, To-day.

M. Albert Lebrun was yesterday afternoon re-elected President of France by the National Assembly (consisting of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies) at Versailles on the first count.

Official figures of the election are:

Albert Lebrun	506
M. Bedouce	151
M. Cachin	74
Edouard Herriot	53
M. Godart	50
M. Bouisson	16
Francois Pietri	10

M. Lebrun shares with M. Jules Grevy the distinction of being the only President for two consecutive terms. — Reuter.

CHINA'S LEADER CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY

Chungking, To-day.

Mr. Ma Hsiang-po, State Councillor, is celebrating his 100th birthday anniversary in Kwangsi to-day.

The National Government yesterday issued a mandate highly commending the centenarian for his distinguished services in the present crisis despite his advanced years.

A native of Kiangsu, Mr. Ma was born in 1839. He went to Shanghai with his parents during the Boxer Rising and attended St. Ignatius College at Siccawel, studying philosophy and other subjects.

After graduation, he entered Government service and served as secretary for foreign affairs to Viceroy Li Hung-chang and later was commissioned successively to Korea, America and other countries.

He was the founder of the Aurora and Fuh Tan Universities in Shanghai. — Central News.

Mr. Stimson, apparently referring to Germany, Italy and Japan, said: "Three out of seven of the most powerful nations in the world have rejected the doctrine of mutual respect that has been built up between nations."

"Threats of aggression and treaty violation have gone hand in hand as interlocking elements in their system."

"In succession, attacks, all in violation of former treaties and international law, upon Manchuria, North China, South China, Ethiopia, Spain, Austria, Czecho-Slovakia and Lithuania, made clear the revolutionary nature with which we are now confronted."

ACADEMIC

Although Mr. Stimson's evidence is regarded as very helpful to the Administration, circles close to the Government view the present Senatorial proceedings as academic because European conditions are changing so rapidly that whatever action Congress now takes may be rendered obsolete through the effect of further totalitarian action upon American public opinion.

The Administration hopes to see the Pittman Resolution enacted but does not regard that measure with any degree of finality.

It visualises situations in Europe in which even the Pittman Resolution might be too restrictive for the national interest.

SHOULD TAKE SIDES

Mr. Stimson, cross-examined by the committee, declared he believed the United States should take sides.

He said that President Roosevelt should be given the "safety and defence" of the United States.

Advocating that President Roosevelt be given powers to discriminate between aggressors, Mr. Stimson declared he believed civilisation was threatened by the gravest danger with which it had been confronted in four centuries.

Asked by Senator Borah how he would frame a law to designate the aggressor, Mr. Stimson replied that he would limit such a designation to violators of treaties with the United States. — Reuter.

CLIPPER BACK IN SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, To-day.
The Honolulu Clipper landed here yesterday from Hong Kong one hour ahead of schedule.
The 14 passengers on board included Doris Duke Cromwell, the tobacco heiress. — Reuter.

FIGHTING ON OUTSKIRTS OF SUNWUI

Macao, To-day.

Fighting continues on the western outskirts of Sunwui where Chinese forces are now entrenched, and skirmishes are also reported between Sunwui and Kongmoon where guerillas are active against the Japanese rear.

Japanese troops are reaching Kongmoon through Pak-kui in increasing numbers and are advancing to Sunwui.

Yesterday, Chinese planes raided Pak-kui and Kongmoon and three Japanese-armed trawlers were hit. — Our Own Correspondent.

GAFENCU TO GO TO BERLIN AND LONDON

Bucharest, To-day.

The Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Gafencu, will start on a tour of Western European capitals on April 16.

His first stop will be Berlin, where he will stay from April 18 to 19 on the invitation of the Nazi Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop.

M. Gafencu will then probably visit Brussels, Paris and London, returning via Rome, but his programme has not yet been definitely fixed. — Reuter.

BIRMINGHAM BOMB OUTRAGES

London, To-day.

A new bomb outrage is reported from Birmingham where early yesterday morning series of explosions shook the centre of the city.

Flying squads and explosive experts appeared immediately but no statement has yet been made on what actually occurred.

The police hint that the front of a large department store has partly collapsed and that in another part of the city an unexploded bomb was discovered similar to those mostly used by the Irish extremists. — Trans-Ocean.

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THREE MONTHS SENTENCE ON INDIAN POLICE OFFICER

Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed on Piara Singh, Indian constable, by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning when he was found guilty on two charges of extortion of two cents from hawkers in Wanchai on Tuesday.

Defendant gave notice of appeal. Defendant, in the witness box, said he was on duty and was told by Mr. Houston to arrest a Chinese, and take him to the Police station. He did not know the man and, on reaching the station, was told to go back to his beat.

Later, he was called back and told that he would be charged. He did not collect any money. He could not speak Cantonese. He arrested the man, on instructions. That was why he had given evidence against him.

Mr. L. A. Searle, A.S.P. said defendant had an extraordinarily good character. He joined the Force in 1937 and had been awarded merits on several occasions.

Passing sentence, Mr. Forrest said that the charge was a serious

FRENCH MAKE DEMARCHE

Paris, To-day.

The French Ambassador to Spain, Marshal Petain, has been ordered to make a demarche with the Spanish Government to obtain permission for French vessels at Alicante to evacuate Republican Spaniards.

Some four to five thousand prominent Spaniards are concerned, who have temporarily been billeted in Alicante Harbour.

Quai d'Orsay circles declare that the British Government will back the French move by a similar demarche.—Trans-Ocean.

GOEBBELS CANCELS TRIP

Athens, To-day.

The visit to Cairo of the German Minister for Propaganda, Dr. Goebbels, who is at present on holiday on Rhodes Island, has been postponed "due to unfavourable weather."—Trans-Ocean.

one. The practice had been going on for a long time and it was difficult to get enough evidence in such cases. He had been informed by unimpeachable persons of this practice. In spite of defendant's good character, he could not take a less serious view of the case.

CHIEF JUSTICE ISSUES WARNING

"In future the authorities will be perfectly justified in electing which course to take," remarked the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court this morning, warning local companies that failure to file the required return of allotment of shares may involve a heavy penalty in future.

The warning was issued following an application, on behalf of the New Asiatic Chemical Works, Limited, by Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. H. N. Chau, for extension of seven days to file a return of allotment of shares.

Mr. Macnamara stated that the company was formed early last year and for a period of almost a year 2,040 shares had been allotted. The directors of the company, according to Counsel's instructions, were ignorant of the law and pleaded inadvertence.

"SECRETARIES TOO BUSY"

"Apparently secretaries of companies are too busy to read the papers in which the law is published from time to time. Secretaries of companies should know that there is another clause in the Ordinance which involves a very heavy penalty indeed," remarked the Chief Justice, and continued, "As I have given no previous warning, I wish to state now that in future the authorities will be justified in electing which course to take in cases like this."

The application was, however, granted.

SENTENCED FOR NEW OFFENCES

Three Chinese youths, who had been committed to trial at the next Criminal Sessions on a charge of armed robbery, were again brought before Mr. E. Himsworth this morning by Inspector A. E. Carey on a charge of unlawful possession of dangerous weapons.

Accused, Tsai Hing, 25, Chan Yin-nam, 22, and Chan Kan, 27, were alleged to have been responsible for robbing a dwelling in Cornwall Road about three weeks ago.

First and third, charged with possession of scissors' blades, were sentenced to three and two months' hard labour respectively.

The third, for possession of a butcher's knife, was given six months.

GAFENCU INVITED TO BERLIN

Berlin, To-day.

The Rumanian Foreign Minister, Gafencu, will arrive in Berlin in April 18 for two days at the invitation of Ribbentrop. He will be accompanied by Mr. Cretzeanu, of the Rumanian Foreign Office and a party of Rumanian journalists.

After visiting Berlin, Gafencu will probably go to Milan to open the Rumanian pavilion, before proceeding to Brussels, Paris and London.—Trans-Ocean.

NO SUGARY SCENES FOR JAP. YOUTH

TOKYO, TO-DAY.

IN JAPAN, A NEW LAW COMES INTO FORCE ON OCTOBER 1ST, BY WHICH JUVENILES ARE FORBIDDEN TO VISIT CINEMA PERFORMANCES AT WHICH LOVE SCENES ARE DEPICTED ON THE SCREEN.

The prohibition applies also to films in which games of chance or similar happenings are depicted, if the censor considers that these scenes might have a deleterious effect on youth.

In future, only artistic and culturally valuable films are to be shown to the youth of Japan.

Where the films are unsuitable for juveniles, the law requires that this is to be clearly stated in the advertisement and film placards and also notified prominently on the outside of the cinema itself.—Trans-Ocean.

LEFT WING MAKES SCENE

Paris, To-day.

The session of the National Assembly at which M. Albert Lebrun was re-elected President of the French Republic, broke up in disorder.

When the President of the Senate M. Jeanneney, after the ballot read the proclamation of re-election, he was unable to continue to the end because, when it was made known that Lebrun had secured 506 votes, one part of the assembly began vociferously to applaud, while the Left-Wingers shouted "Lebrun resign!"

The Right Wingers and the Centre answered by singing the "Marseillaise." M. Lebrun was elected at the first ballot.

SLOVAK-GERMAN TALKS OVER

Berlin, To-day.

The Slovak Prime Minister, Dr. Tiso who arrived in Berlin on Tuesday with Dr. Durcansky, and the new Slovak envoy to Berlin, M. Cernak, visited von Ribbentrop yesterday at noon to discuss "current political issues of mutual interest." Dr. Tiso and his suite left again for Bratislava late last night.—Trans-Ocean.

IRAQ QUIET

Baghdad, To-day.

After the turbulent events of Tuesday, Iraq was quiet yesterday.

The entire Iraq people showed by demonstrations of grief how deep was the attachment to the late King Ghazi.

The streets of Baghdad were thronged with people most of whom had come to the capital from outside.

All shops and businesses remained closed as a sign of mourning. Iraq will lament the death of the King for a period of 40 days.—Trans-Ocean.

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A fruit salad a day keeps the wrinkles away, says Maria Pulgar, of New York. And the salad must be taken as these pictures show you. On the face of it, the idea seems crazy. The outfit to wear for it, of course, is salad dressing.



Below is the tactful timepiece. We call it that because, when you want to keep an appointment and don't like to insult present company by looking at the time while they're talking to you, you can pull out this contraption and pretend to be just toying with the pencil or knife while you take a quick peek at the hour.



BELIEVE IT OR NOT

This is a "Believe It Or Not" story which has not yet reached Ripley.

In a small port, Kaukong, on the West River, a hen laid an unusual egg. It was as large as the egg of a goose.

When the owner cracked it open to prepare breakfast he found a small snake inside. It was dead and about three inches long.

(Reported in one of the leading local vernacular papers).

ASKS BAN ON TIN WHISTLES

President of the Board of Trade is to be asked in the Commons: "If tin whistles used in Christmas crackers, coming from Japan at 1s. 8½d. a gross, can be prohibited in this country who are paying Trade Board wages."

T.A. OFFICERS TO BE REGULARS

Commissions in the Regular Army are to be opened to officers of the Territorials and Supplementary Reserve.

To begin with, the War Office announced that twenty-five vacancies would be available in Cavalry, Royal Artillery, Signals, Infantry, Tank Corps and R.A.S.C.—by competitive examination next June. Of these twenty-five, fifteen will be available for the Artillery.

In addition, a limited number of vacancies for the Indian Army may be available.

Successful candidates will be appointed about August 25. They must be under twenty-five, have completed eighteen months' commissioned service and be recommended.

BONES OF MEN OF

"FAR-OFF" AGE FOUND

Bones found 18in. below ground level at Langport are those of two adults and a child, according to Dr. Godfrey Carter, pathologist, reporting to the West Somerset coroner. Dr. Carter stated that one skull was very thick over the dome and had over-hanging brows to an unusual degree, suggestive of a far off age. The teeth were perfect.

A small bronze ring encircling a years-as a button factory, and about small finger-bone, will be of great thirty men and girls have been importance as a guide to antiquity, thrown out of work.

TWINS--BUT TWO FATHERS

In a court case brought by the mother of twins in Berlin, German medical experts established that each twin had a different father. Blood tests revealed, without any doubt, that the children belonged to different blood groups, and that they were therefore only half-brothers.

FAMOUS MILL BURNED

Barcombe Mill, a picturesque water-mill, 200 years old, in a noted East Essex beauty spot near Lewes, was damaged by fire. When Barcombe volunteer fire brigade arrived flames were spouting from every window.

The mill has been used for seven years as a button factory, and about thirty men and girls have been thrown out of work.



People living around Campden Hill, London, often see a young man trundling a home-made perambulator along the streets. He is Mr. Colin Colahan, the artist, who takes his painting gear around in his pram and erects his easel in it. This young Irish artist has exhibited in Paris and London. Photo shows Mr. Colahan painting a street scene from his pram easel in a Kensington street.

PRESENTED FROM COURT

From London police courts: Man at Wood Green: The reason I am in arrears in electric light payments is because I've been using the gas money to pay the rates.

Defendant at Ealing: If the constable didn't trust me why did he let me stand so near to him? I could easily have blown his whistle.

Man at West Ham: I am practically a total abstainer. I only get drunk week-ends.

Driver at Wood Green: There is no denying that traffic lights can be more trouble than they're worth when you are in a hurry.

Motorist at Hammersmith: No matter what type of vehicle you get into there is always a blind spot at the back of your head.

SEA MYSTERY

"SANCTUARY CARPET"

Sailors who visit the Mission to Seamen at Cardiff docks will in future walk across a "sanctuary carpet" to remind them of one great mystery of the Western Ocean. For the carpet has been laid to the memory of the crew of the Anglo-Australian.

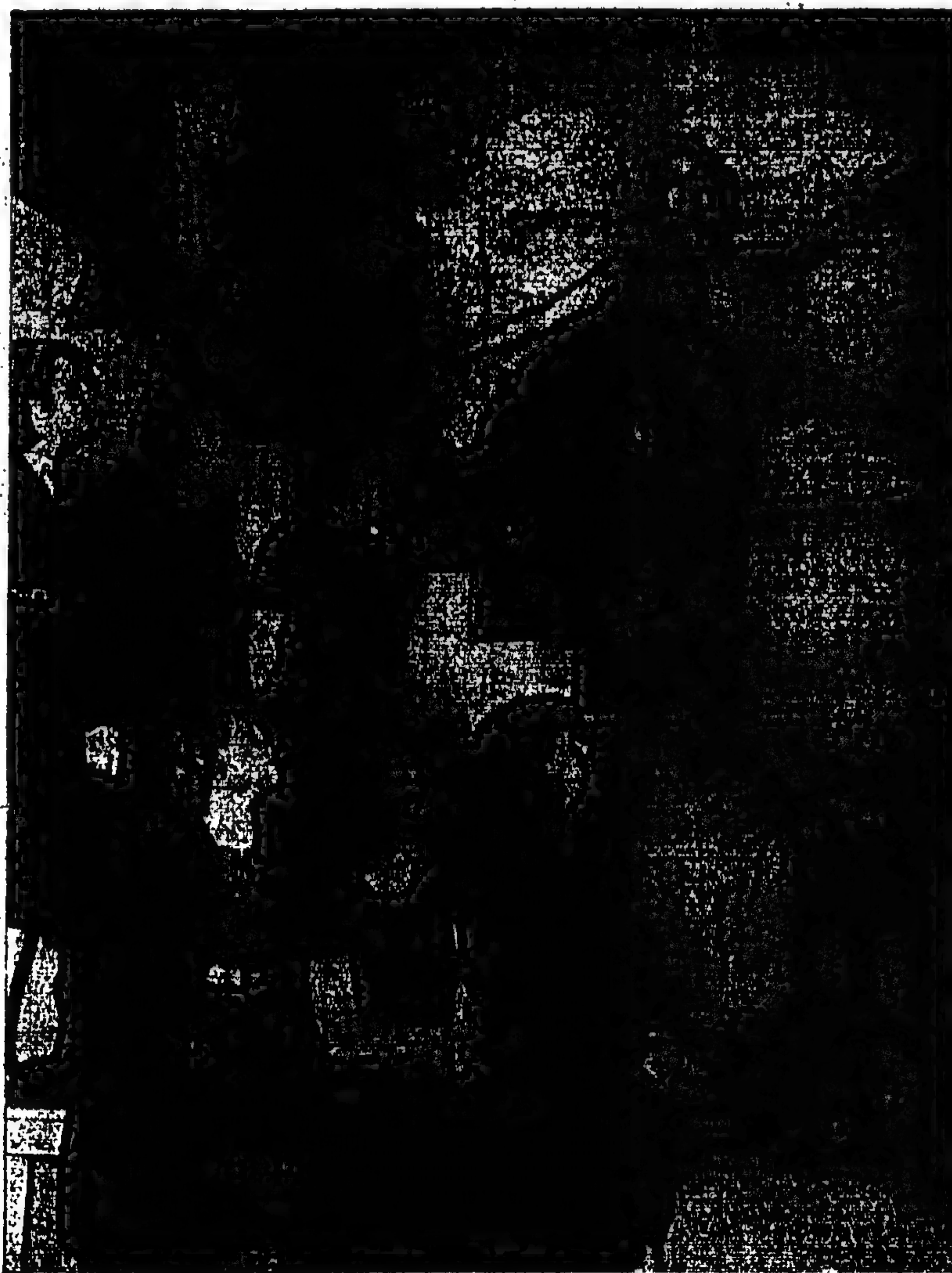
This ship steamed out of Cardiff for Vancouver a year ago this week, but after passing the Azores in mid-ocean nothing further was heard of her or her crew of thirty-six.

SUCCESS AGAIN

Almost a failure—J. B. Priestley's new play, "Johnson Over Jordan," at the New Theatre, has in the past week been so packed that instead of withdrawing it, as was threatened, Basil Dean, the producer, is now transferring it to the Saville Theatre on March 21.

SUBMARINES TO VISIT LONDON

Submarines L.26 and L.27 will visit London. The object is to allow merchant navy officers to inspect them.



Miss Peggy Watson, aged 19, was selected by Mr. Jack Swinburne, the Stage Production Manager to 50 Gaumont British show girls as "London's Perfect Chorus Girl" from 160 girls seated before the King and Queen at the Royal Matinee at the London Coliseum on March 27th. Photo shows top of the ladder. Miss Peggy Watson being admired by some of the other girls in the show at a rehearsal.

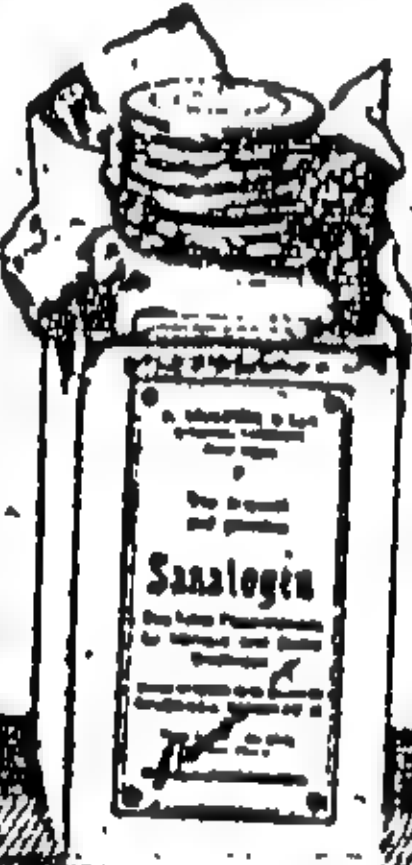


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RICHARD HAESTIER SAYS

MEET THE SCREEN

What is it that Frank Capra has as a film director that the others have not? He uses the screen to preach sermons composed of beautiful theories that have almost no practicability.

In this sophisticated world he should not, by all the normal calculations, be able to get away with it. But he does. I think — and this is almost a sensational thing to say about a Hollywood executive —

he succeeds because, in addition to being a showman with a finely sensitive technique, he also has an ideal.

That ideal, I believe, is a desire that people should be happy, and in his pictures he tries to show the millions who see his films that, even in this hard, factual, disillusioning world, it is possible to be happy if one is simple.

He preached this sermon in "Mr. Deeds Goes To Town" and repeated it in "Lost Horizon." Now he underlines his theories again in, "You Can't Take It With You."

Let me say at once that this is a grand production; thoroughly good entertainment, that is packed with laughs, yet it arouses one emotionally, and even makes one think.

THE HUMAN TOUCH

That is Capra's knack. He can make you laugh because he knows just where your funnybone is. He reaches down and touches one's emotional chords.

In other words, his characters are human beings that assume a

reality in which one cannot but take the deepest personal interest. "You Can't Take It With You" is really a spotlight on greed and snobbery, yet, while its moral finds a responsive chord with such certainty in each individual member of a cinema audience, it is joyous fun, sometimes quite crazy. But it is always craziness that has more than a modicum of truth in it.

Everyone, I am certain, will revel in the introduction they get to the craziest family ever pictured on the screen. There is grandpa (Lionel Barrymore), who was on his way to becoming rich. One day, half way up in the lift going to his office, he decided he was not getting enough fun out of life.

So he came down in the lift again and never returned to the slavery of office and money-making. Instead he bought himself a mouth organ, learnt to play it and for forty years played it loudly whenever a crisis approached. And he just went on playing till it passed.

Then there is Penny, his daughter (Spring Byington) who sits about the house typing plays. She writes, not because she has a tremendous urge, but because eight years before a typewriter was delivered to the house by mistake.

Her husband (Samuel S. Hinds) plays about in the cellar making firecrackers with the ice man, who called once and never went away (Halliwell Hobbes). They make fireworks simply because they never grew up.

Their youngest daughter (Ann

Miller) makes the deepest personal interest. but takes from a Russian (Auer), not to be a dancer. Her house. Her never goes to time playing or a xylophone.

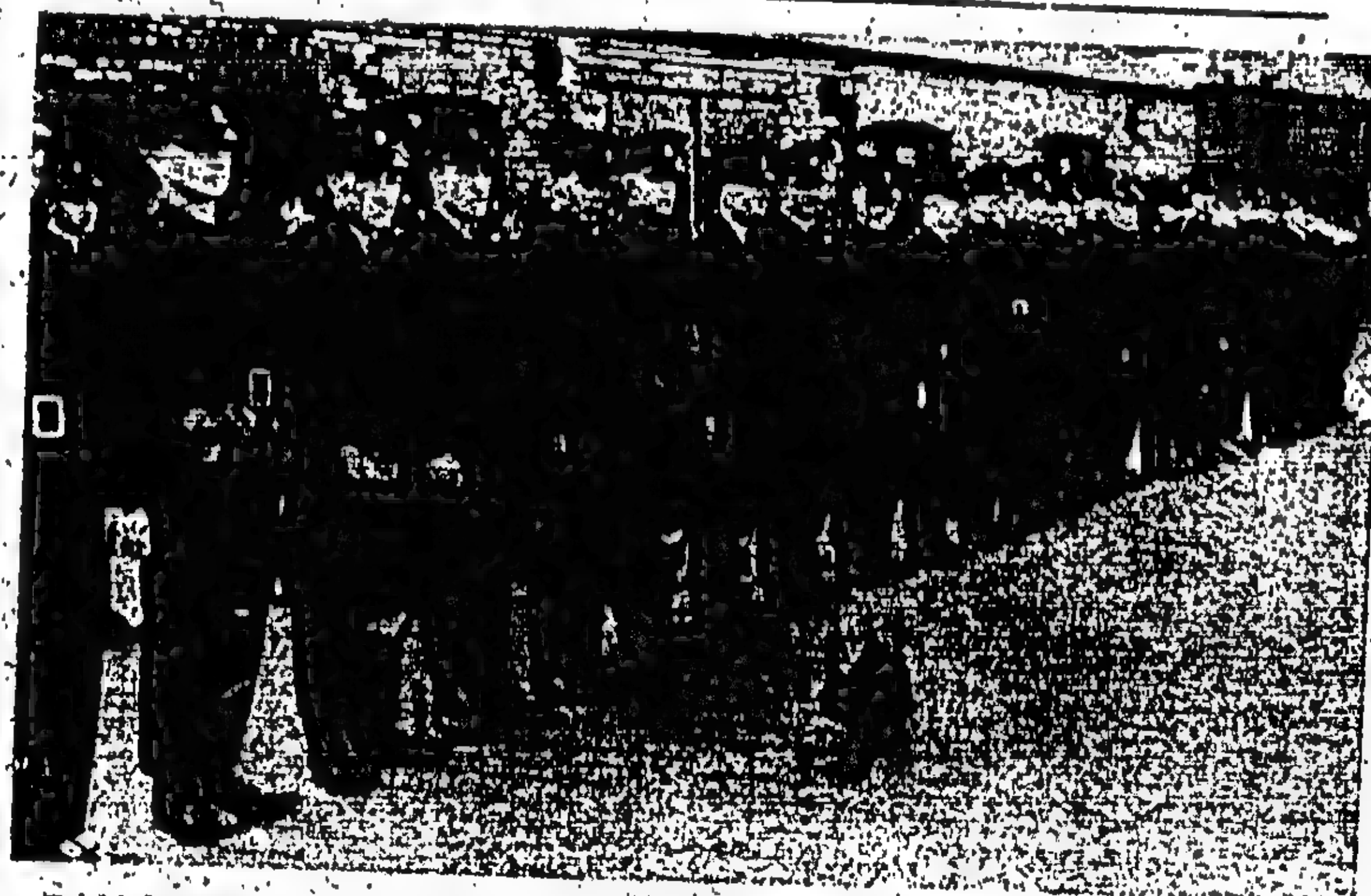
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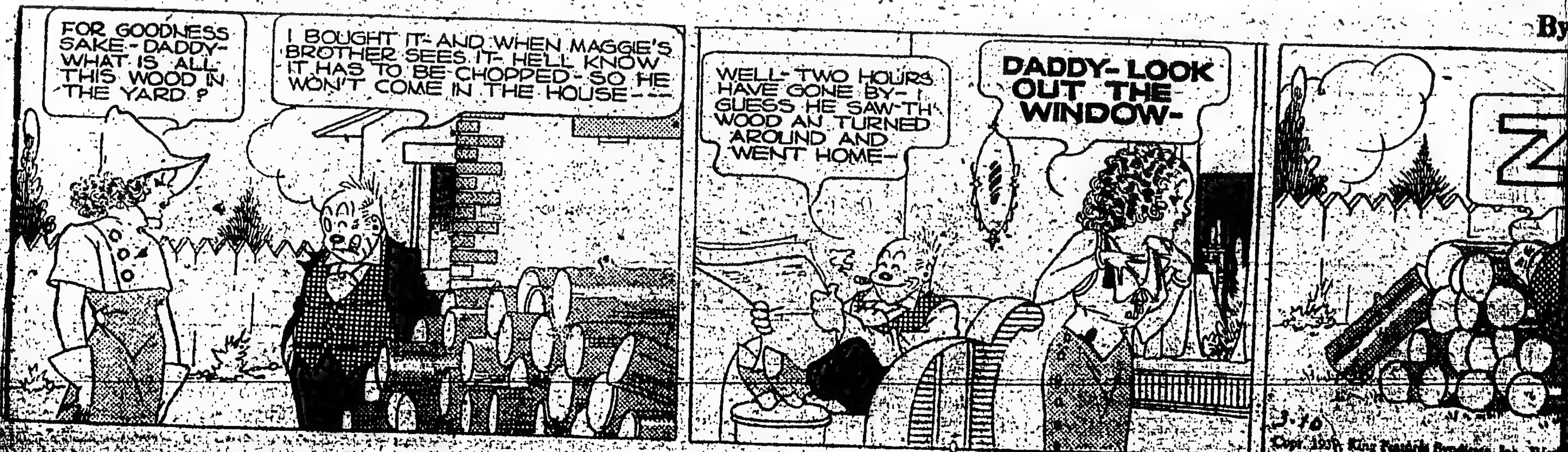
AMBIT



CAT INSPECTS GUARD OF HONOUR When auxiliary firemen lined up for inspection at the opening of the new anti-gas school of Crosby Borough, near Liverpool, a black cat walked along the ranks, just before Lancashire's chief constable made his inspection.

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Bringing Up Father



S CRAZIEST FAMILY

sweets for a living, dancing lessons, ex-wrestler (Misch) she ever wants but because she is crazy about the band (Dub Taylor) work, but fills in his printing press

LS IN LOVE

the whole family (Arthur), who takes

a job as a secretary, but falls in love with the boss's son (James Stewart). Here is the link between the simple folk and the snobs.

When the two chiefs snobs (Edward Arnold and Mary Forbes) meet the crazy family into which their son wants to marry, the most alarmingly funny things happen.

The acting by the whole cast is excellent, especially by James Stewart, Lionel Barrymore and Jean Arthur. There is only one

fault to the whole production and that is a fault that errs on the side of generosity. It is too long. It takes six minutes over two hours to show, and I think there are scenes that could be cut without losing any value.

But, cut or not, take my tip and see this film. You will thank Columbia for making it and Capra for directing it.

"You Can't Take It With You" is the Easter holiday attraction at the King's Theatre.

TION IN THE ARMY

ards a certain stan- as an essential an efficient soldier. a man could not pay until he was in third-class certificate. ruit to-day sits for leaving the depot a regiment must at- he has obtained a ot draw his full rate has done so. After room education is e following figures age of educational fferent classes for h Army at the be- Special, about one 0 per cent; second d, 22 per cent; no cent. The special equivalent to trication, and is universities in lieu examination.

US SCHEME

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"axe" soon played havoc with this ambitious scheme.

To-day there is an officer of the Army Education Corps attached to commands, divisions, and brigades. The latter has at his disposal two or three warrant officers or sergeants of the Education Corps, who run brigade classes for men sitting for a first, as well as class for enlisted boys—drummers, trumpeters, and the like. The brigade education officer also arranges classes for backward men whose units are unable to coax them through a third.

FAMILY SPIRIT

Education in the battalion is supervised by a regimental officer and carried out by N.C.O.s, all of whom have been through a course at the Army School of Education, Shorncliffe. It appears to be a legitimate grievance that these N.C.O.s get no extra-duty pay, although it is laid down in King's Regulations that there must be one N.C.O. in each company qualified to teach.

A certain number of the officers of the Army Education Corps are employed as instructors at Sandhurst and elsewhere. But the work of the majority is largely administrative. Included in their duties is the supervision of the schools for soldiers' children. These are admirably run, and show something of that family spirit which is characteristic of the Army at its best. They can show good scholarship results as well as athletic trophies.

The Army Education Corps must hold the world's record for slow promotion. A glance at the Army List will show that a high proportion of its officers have held the same substantive rank since the corps was formed in November, 1920. It

is impossible to get the best work out of men under these conditions. There is no doubt that the mere fact of their presence has done something to raise the status of education in the Army. But their position strikes one as falling a good deal short of what it might be. They are called upon to pass no promotion examinations. They are not eligible for the Staff College or the Imperial Defence College. There appears to be little incentive for them to keep themselves up to date or to increase their knowledge and usefulness.

THE FUTURE

The warrant officers and sergeants who are actually instructing are doing excellent work, and probably have an unrivalled experience in dealing with the particular problems of the type of man who has to pick up again at 18 or 20 the threads of the education that he dropped at 14. They display great understanding and ingenuity in dealing with the backward cases which have increased considerably since the educational standard for recruits was reduced. They rarely fail in bringing them up to the required standard.

It would seem that in the long run the future of education in the Army really lies in the hands of the regimental officer, and that it can make little progress until he is disposed to further its cause. The greater part of an officer's work in peacetime lies in instruction in their military duties the men he will lead in war. This is as it should be. There is no better way of getting to know and understand them. But there is no reason why the idea should not be carried farther.

Your correspondent was one of the "Observing Officers" appointed at the end of last September to watch over the retreat of the Czech Army and the advance of the German Army in the Sudeten territories. He was immensely impressed by the discipline shown by the Czech under the most trying conditions that an army could be called upon to endure. One of the reasons for this was undoubtedly the close touch between officers and men. Everything possible was done to foster this and to ensure that an officer maintained discipline by his personal qualities rather than by the mere authority of his rank. With this object in view every subaltern was required by order to address his men each day on the general situation as affecting his country. The British subaltern of to-day should at least be capable of addressing his men clearly and intelligently on any subject of general interest. It would be well if he were required to do so as part of his normal duties.



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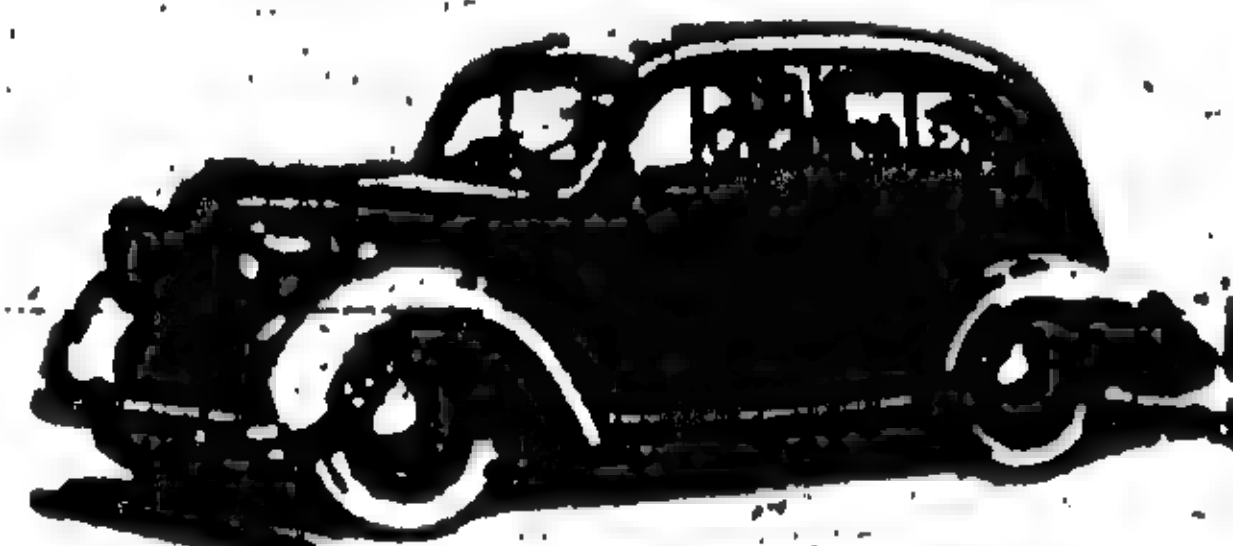
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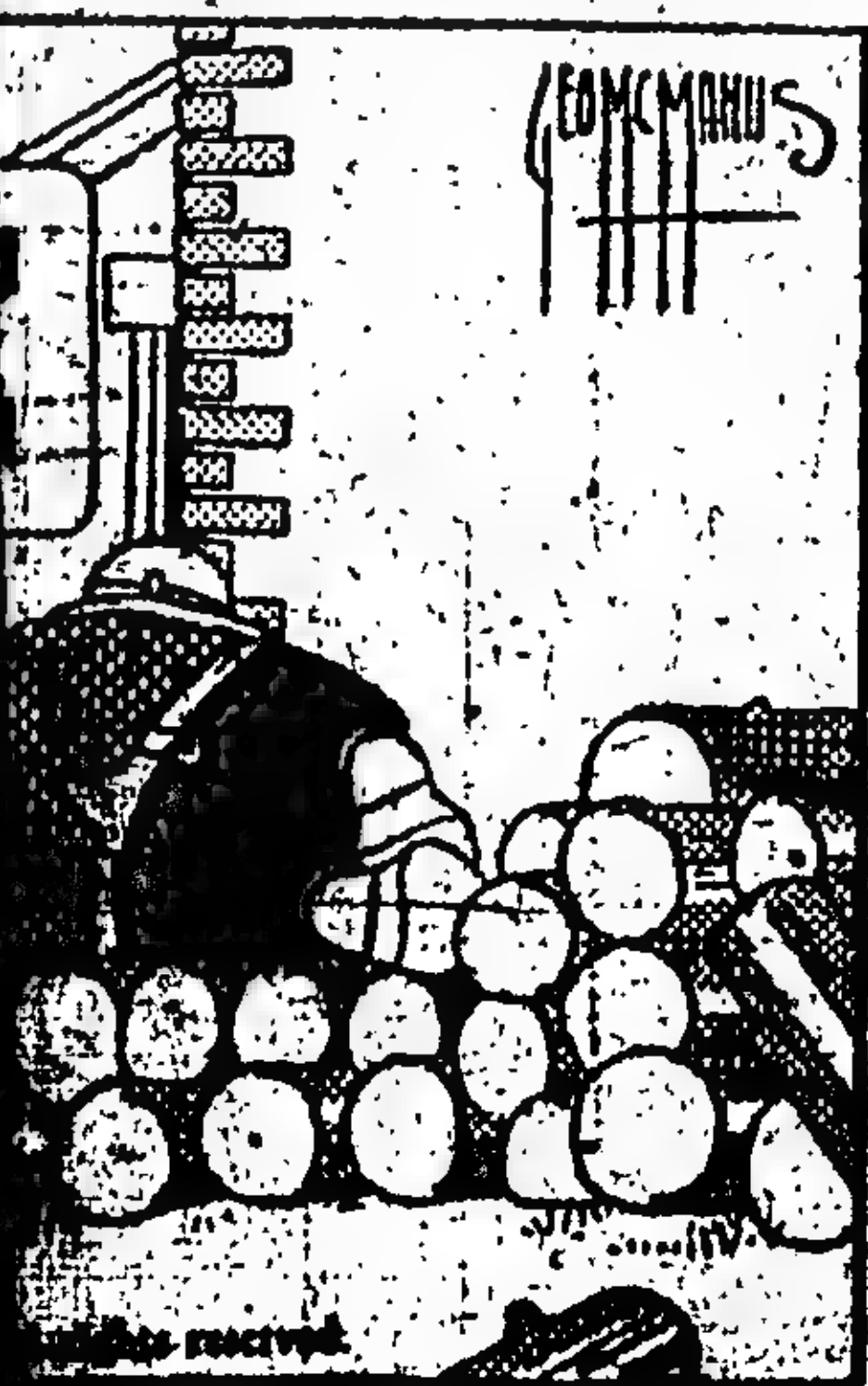


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Beauty and You

by PATRICIA LINDSAY

Latest Fashionable Whim

Since disturbed political affairs in Europe have kept Americans at home during the winter months, they have turned to the Laurentian Mountains of Quebec, as a mecca for winter sports. To there, where ski trails wind over hill and dale, and snow nestles dependably, go a hegira of smart folk in groups like migrating winter birds!

Such well-known resorts as Ste. Agathe des months, Ste. Adele, St. Jovite, Ste. Marguerite Station, witness women basking in deck-chairs on open terraces! Hatless, with sleeves of sports shirts and sweaters rolled to the elbow, they sit in the sun against a background of snow drifts, intent on acquiring a new golden complexion which Dame Fashion decrees is ultra-chic!

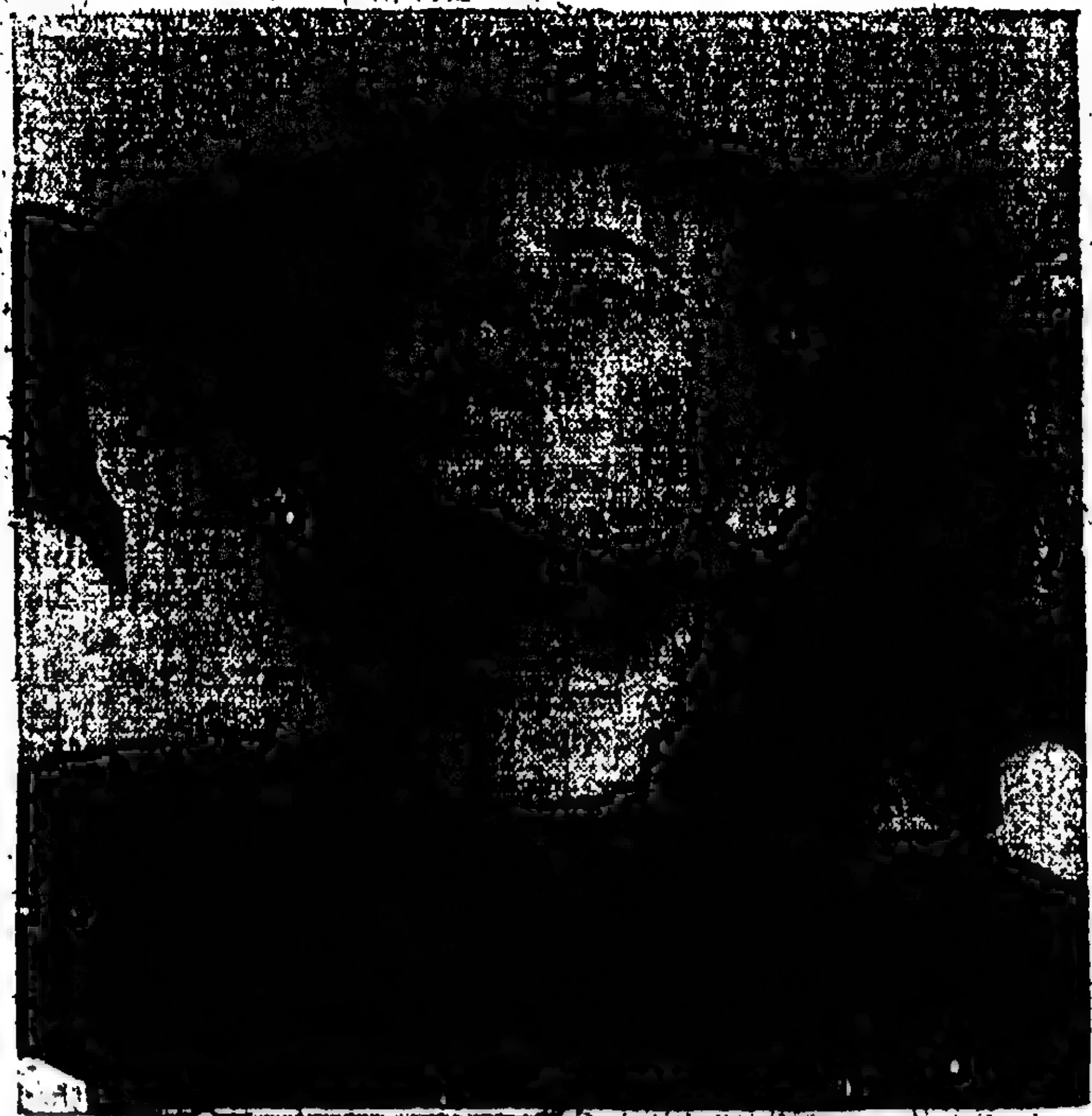
SNOW-TAN MUCH DESIRED

Before skiing became such a fashionable sport, our American belle counted her outdoor winter tan a minor beauty asset. Now she stretches out, after a turo of

sports, lifts her face and rams to the sun, determined to drink in its Vitamin D — and to show others she has had time to play!

But some creams freeze in cold climates and others lose their efficacy, so snow queens have had to shop around for a dependable concoction which could take zero weather and still do right by their faces! So one of the leading cosmeticians of New York was urged to import her famous winter sports formula which, until this year, was sold only in Switzerland and Chamonix.

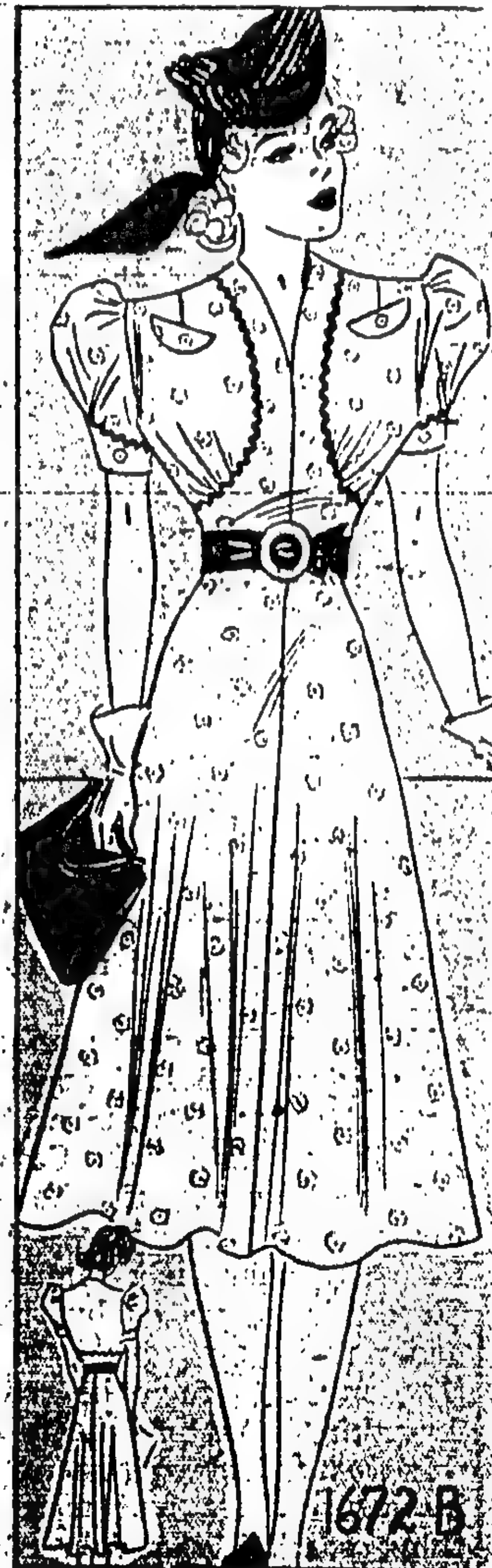
This preparation will not change in the coldest of weather. It is colourless, non-sticky and of a light consistency but leaves a refreshing shiny finish to your skin when you apply it. Accent it only with a becoming lipstick colour. You may rely upon it to guard your skin from burning rays, and because it remains moist on your face, it prevents chapping.



With her face fashionably greased with the newest of protective creams, this enthusiast ties her scarf, peasant fashion, before taking off.

You'll Love This Lumberjack Dress

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There'll be a lot of braid trimming used this spring, and this pretty dress shows a particularly smart and individual way of using it. The bodice, with bosom fullness above a very flat diaphragm, is the more becoming because braid is so applied as to suggest the effect of a corset. And a row of braid accents the sassy charm of upped sleeves that widen the shoulders. The circular skirt, with a seam at the front and the back only, is unimpaired and young-looking.

The lumberjack dress is the latest excitement among two-piecers. You can see why fashion took a look at the sturdy, masculine lumberjack, and decided it had possibilities of feminine charm. So here it is, with the bloused waist above a wide belt that does such nice things to the figure. The shoulders are smooth and wide. The sleeves, pockets and turnover collar flaunt gay rows of braid—and you should use gay and decorative buttons on your lumberjack blouse.

The skirt has a jaunty, slimhipped fullness that goes perfectly with the casual, spirited blouse. This is one of those lucky two-piecers that pair off admirably with other things.



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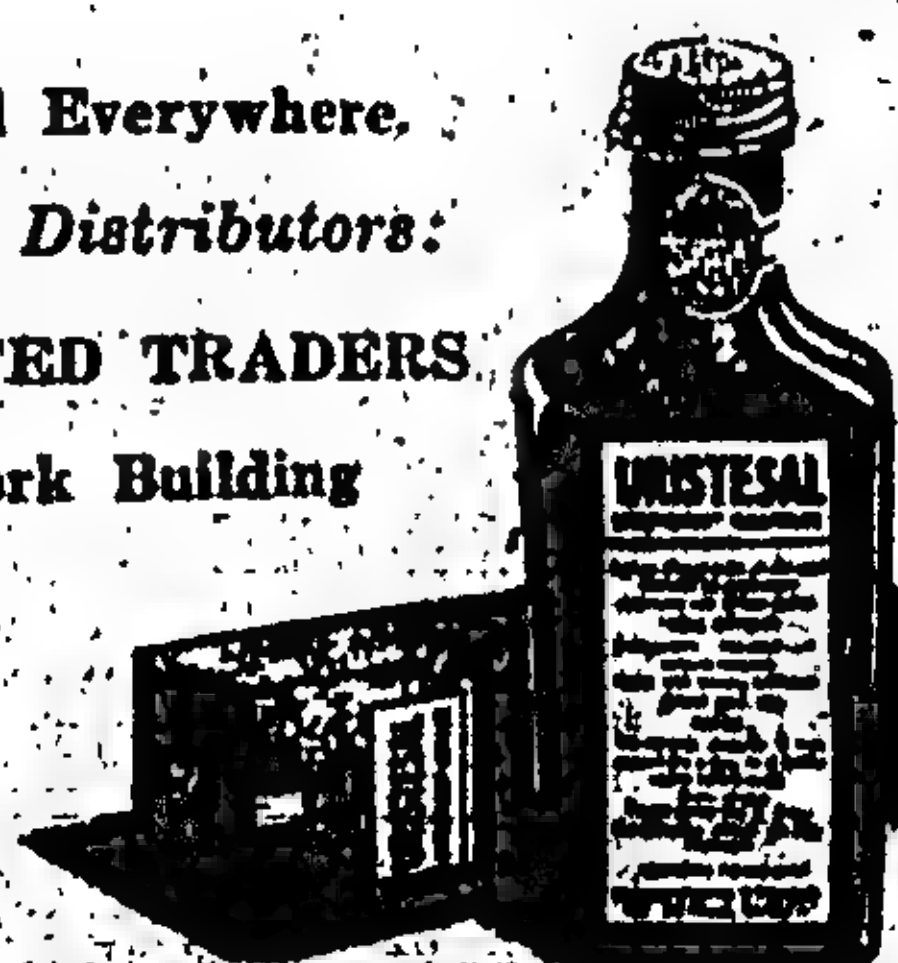
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(By MARY BLAKE)

Do not overexert yourself mentally this day because if you do nature may exact a severe penalty. Be very careful in all transactions involving the handling of money, and take nothing for granted. Be careful how you talk this day, for reckless statements will give rise to acrimonious discussions. Fate is apt to direct your activities in a way that may ultimately prove beneficial to your interests. Ideas, mostly of a romantic nature, probably will help make this a happy day for many whose birth anniversary this is. In home circles patience will be the virtue most needed for harmonious conditions, and each member of a household will have to do his part, if the day is to be peaceful. Married and engaged couples, as well as those in love who find their affections reciprocated, must avoid being hesitant this day about answering questions that are not of a purely personal nature.

If a woman and April 6 is your birthday, by being constantly alert you may recognize an opportunity to make a substantial sum of money. Be careful not to give someone the impression that you are painfully self-conscious or very dignified. It may take love a long time to warm the cooles of your heart, but once it does there is little chance of your affection ever growing cold. Do

Witty Kitty



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not yield the palm to anyone if the question comes up regarding your efficiency. Through interior decorating, missionary, educational or social welfare work, selling, or as a business executive you may have ample reason for being proud of your accomplishments. The indications are that you will marry well and very happily.

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	Reg.,	Apr. 7, 11 a.m.
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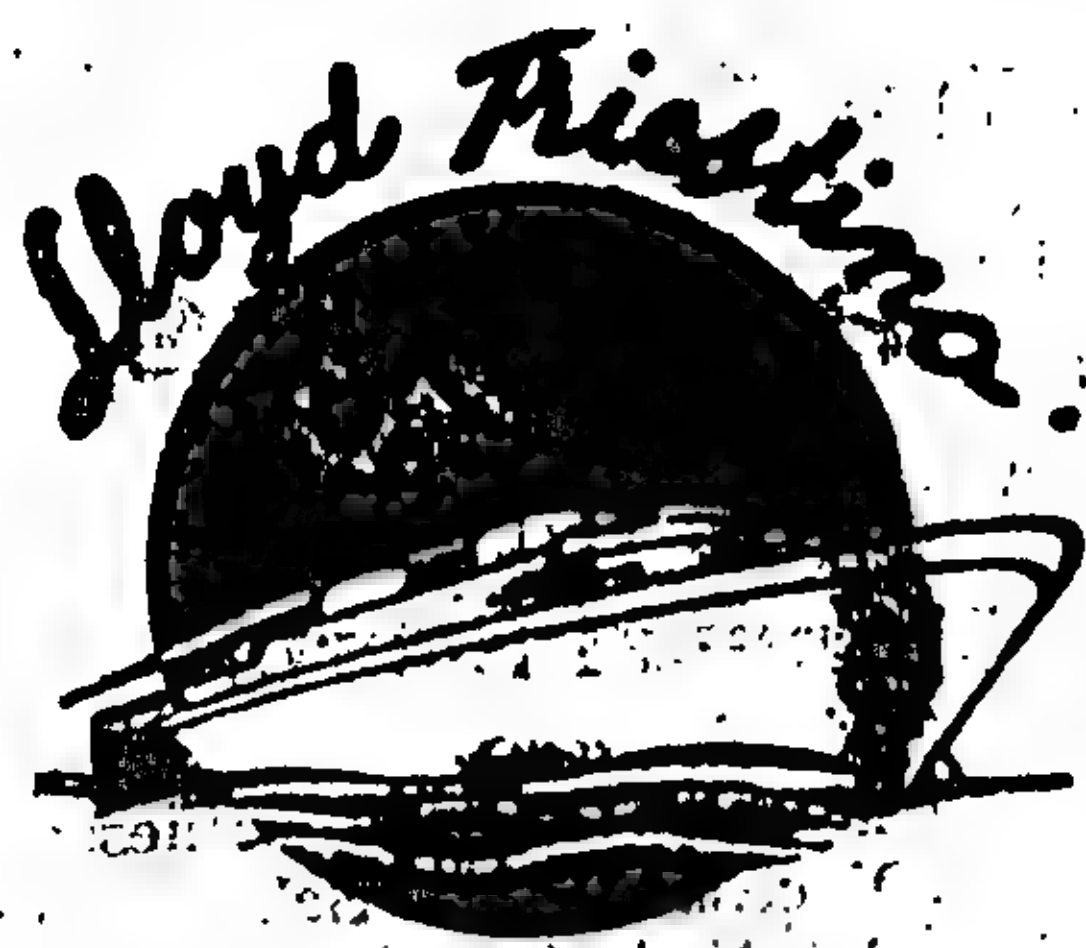
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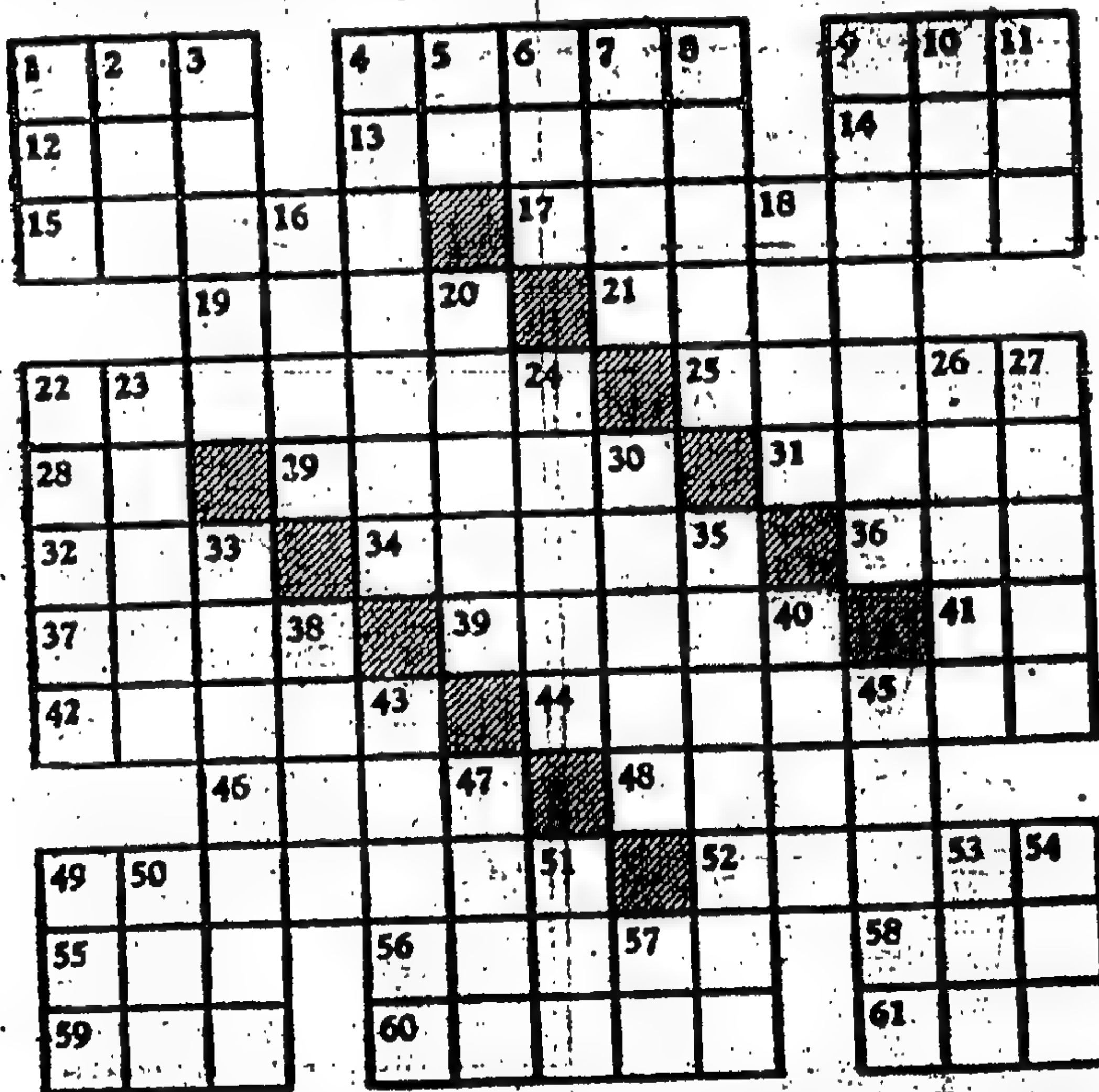
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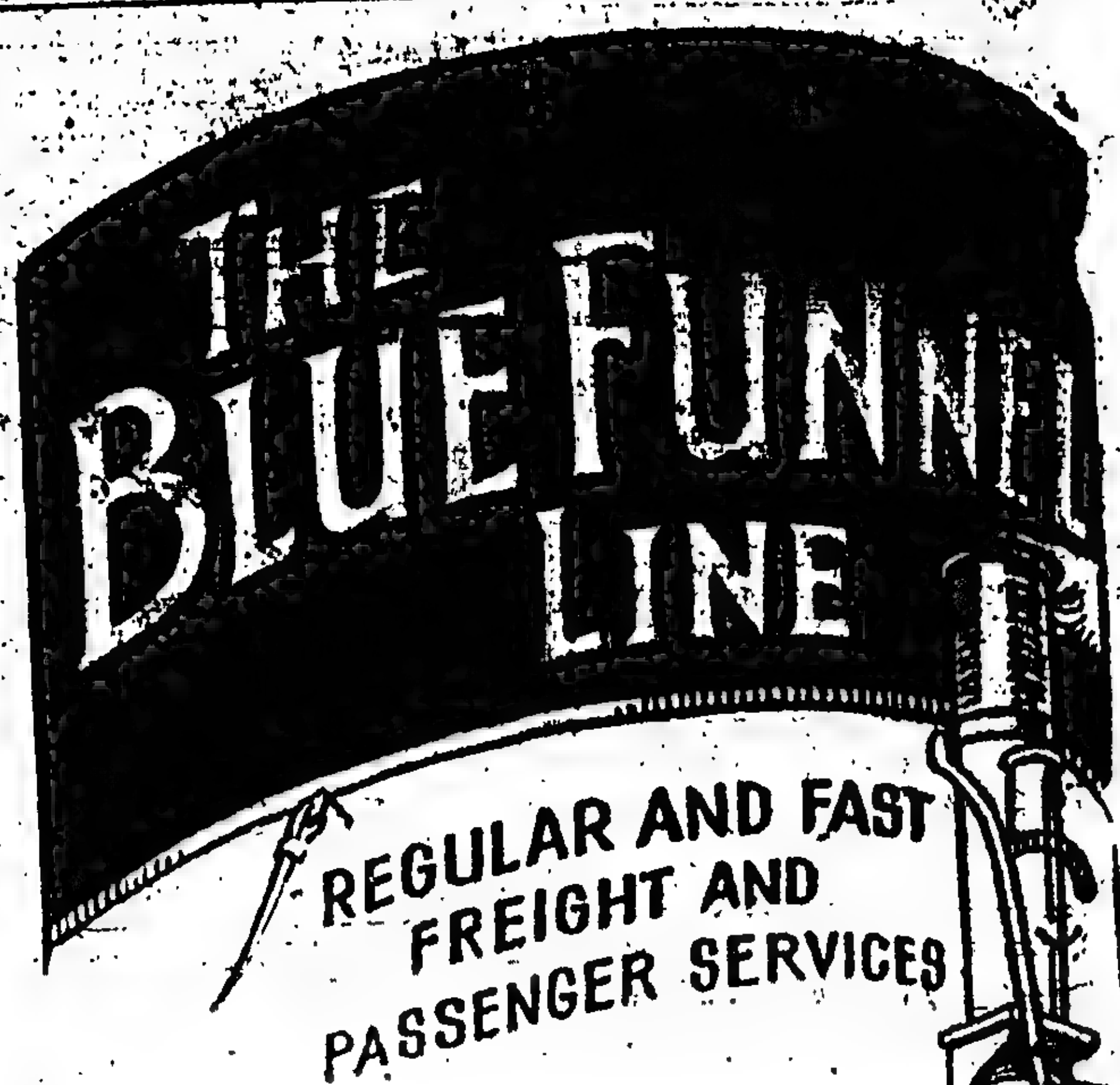
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 - Bounds
 - Pathway
 - To cut
 - Discontinues
 - Greek letter
 - Italian city
 - Shore bird
 - Horse deity
 - To cleave
 - Shore
 - Turkish port
 - To judge
 - More durable

- VERTICAL**
- Lever
 - Swedish money
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 - Flower patch
 - Volatile flux
 - Profit
 - Cry of sheep
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 - Sun god
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 - German: hall
 - French city
 - Homopterous insects
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 - Cry of lamb
 - To take off
 - Source of error
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 - Cupolas
 - To wear away
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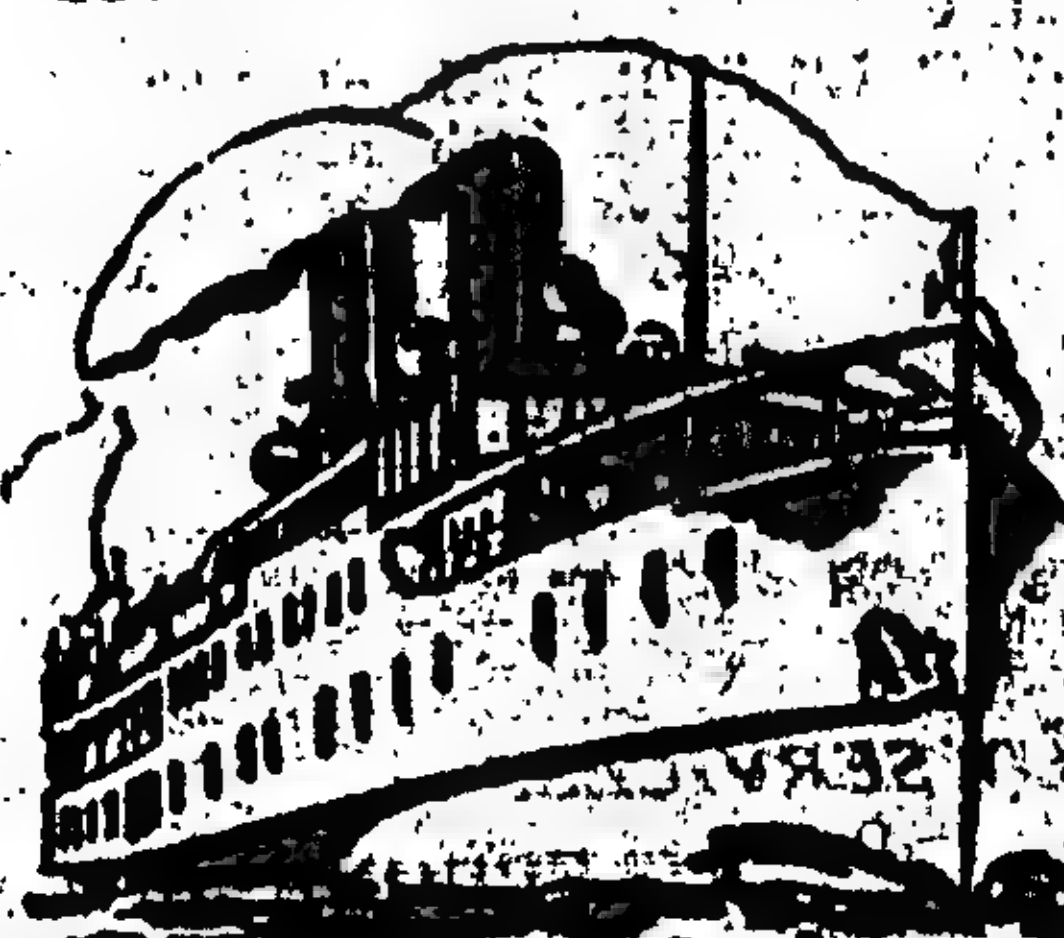
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Sungei Luas Tin Dredging Limited	1.42
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Straits Trading Co., Ltd.	25.75 x.d.
United Engineering Limited (Ordinary)	8.35
Wearne Brothers Limited	
Gold Shares	
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	4.50

The above quotations are in Straits dollars.

Six weeks' hard labour was imposed by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court on Chau Sang, 22, when found guilty of stealing a fountain pen from a man in front of the Kwong Chi Theatre, Kiangsu Street, yesterday.

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Some keen sport was witnessed at the Diocesan Girls' School yesterday afternoon on the occasion of the annual sports.

Competition was very close between Joie Hall and Vivienne Churn, outstanding senior athletes, and both eventually finished with the same number of points to share honours for victrix ludorum.

The House relay was won by Yellow House followed by Red, while the guest race was won by Ronald Castro, La Salle's champion athlete.

Following the sports, prizes were presented by Mrs. J. R. Higgs.

The results were:

Kindergarten 50 yards.—1, Ika Stanko; 2, Alice Oei.

Junior 50 yards.—1, Ada Chang; 2, Rosie Mark; 3, Shirley Logan.

Senior 100 yards.—1, June Hall; 2, Eva Churn; 3, Vivian Churn.

Junior 100 yards.—1, Rosie Mark; 2, Ada Chang; 3, Diana Eleazar.

Kindergarten 10A, 50 yards.—1, Beverly Nergaard; 2, Keith Armstrong.

Long Jump Kindergarten.—1, Ika Stanko; 2, Alice Oei.

Long Jump (Junior).—1, Ada Chang; 2, R. Cheeseman; 3, B. Chang.

Long Jump (Senior).—1, June Hall; 2, Eva Churn; 3, Kitty Bush.

High Jump (Junior).—1, Ada Chang; 2, Janet Collom; 3, R. Cheeseman.

High Jump (Senior).—1, Maisie Reiss; 2, B. Longbottom; 3, V. Churn.

Kindergarten 10B, 50 yards.—1, Lily Padet; 2, Eddie Chang.

Senior 220 yards.—1, June Hall; 2, V. Churn; 3, P. Kotewall.

Kindergarten Boys' Potato spoon race.—1, Vladimir Zadsrin; 2, James Chui.

Junior Class Relay.—1, Class VI; 2, Class VIII.

Senior Class Relay.—1, Class II; 2, Class V.

Softball Throw (Junior).—1, Ada Chang; 2, Connie Vbergen; 3, Gertie Lau.

Softball Throw (Senior).—1, Gladys Hutchinson; 2, Kitty Bush; 3, V. Churn.

House Relay.—1, Yellow House, 2, Red House.

Guest Race.—1, Ronald Castro; 2, Geo. McKennie; 3, William Nicoll.

Kindergarten Skipping Race.—1, Doreen Kent; 2, Daisy Ho.

Junior Skipping Race.—1, Rosie Mark; 2, C. Dunn; 3, M. Heui.

Senior Skipping Race.—1, Ethel Hicks; 2, L. Ng Quinn; 3, Cyrus Schlorke.

Junior Goal Throw.—1, Ada Chang; 2, Gertie Lau; 3, J. Collom.

Senior Goal Throw.—1, Patsy Kotewall; 2, M. Reis; 3, E. Haugland.

Junior Three-Legged Race.—1, C. Lapsley and B. Lee; 2, B. Chang and R. Cheeseman; 3, D. Eleazar and J. Nergaard.

Senior Three-Legged Race.—1, V. Churn and J. Hall; 2, E. Churn and P. Kotewall; 3, S. Lam and M. Hutchinson.

Teachers' Race.—1, Miss Turbett; 2, Miss Lee.

Novelty Race.—1, V. Churn; 2, L. Wong; 3, J. Walle.

Tug-of-war.—Green House.

Hockey.—Class I combined with Commercial.

Senior Victrix Ludorum.—June Hall and V. Churn.

Junior Victrix Ludorum.—Ada Chang.

House Championship.—1, Red House; 2, Green House.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-5/8.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London at 19-15/16 and forward at 19-11/16.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £-U.S.\$4.6812 and the New York-London rate at £-U.S.\$4.68-1/8.

THE PERFECT CRIME

ARNOLD LEWIS—a partner in the firm of Lewis and Horsfield—leaned back in his office chair and, for the twentieth time that morning, considered the position. During the financial year now drawing to a close the firm had been doing badly—how badly the accountants would shortly be able to let them know. It was not, however, only (or even principally) this which troubled Lewis; it was his own position which frightened him.

Nine or ten months previously he had been put on to a "good thing" by a friend on the Stock Exchange. The "good thing" had shown a handsome profit and so had a succeeding investment recommended from the same source, but a third suggestion (on the strength of which he had invested more than he could afford to lose) had let him down.

Driven into a corner for money and knowing that exposure would mean ruin, Lewis had taken possession of the firm's securities from the safe of which he and Horsfield alone had keys and had, in fact, sold them by devious channels to pay his debts. As far as Lewis was concerned at the time, it had not been a matter merely of putting off the evil day. He knew that Horsfield would not trouble to check over the securities before and until the firm needed them and that there was the better part of a year before the auditors would inspect them before making their annual report.

He had, naturally—and it should be added reasonably—counted upon saving sufficient out of his drawings before that time arrived to be able to replace the securities. Unfortunately, owing to the decline in business, there had been no drawings. Indeed, latterly he had had a fresh anxiety. Horsfield had suggested selling some of their securities to tide over the difficult period. Lewis had managed to counter this suggestion by urging him to wait until the auditors had got out the annual accounts.

In his office chair, Lewis had decided to face up to stark reality. One thing and one thing only could save him from complete ruin and that one thing was the removal of Horsfield during the coming fortnight.

Lewis was nothing if not methodical. It would be no advantage to avoid three years' penal servitude for dishonesty by being hanged for murder. Yet murder must be done and done by him.

Calmly he reasoned it out. He had frequently during his life, mostly when reading detective stories, considered how he would commit the perfect crime—a capital crime undetected and undetectable. Now he was faced with the problem itself.

The first essential he saw clearly, was that the murder should not look like a murder and that there must be a presumption of suicide. Suicide was not, by itself, enough. There must be a motive for the suicide and the means. Finally what of the murderer himself? He remembered that according to all the stories he had read, the murderer must have an alibi, but he also remembered that it was usually the breaking down of the alibi which caused a conviction.

Considering all these points in turn, Lewis realised with a start how easy the task was going to be for him—it almost seemed that Fate was completely on his side.

His plan was simplicity itself. The first step was to prepare in Horsfield's handwriting a note such as a suicide might leave. After due deliberation he wrote down the following:

"To The Coroner,

"Business bad. Helped myself to firm's securities expecting to pay back, but can't; annual audit next week. This is the only way out. Apologies for any trouble I may be occasioning to others.

Stanley Horsfield."

He considered this carefully. It must be exactly such a note as Horsfield might have written. He came to the conclusion that it was. It was true business was bad; it was true someone had helped himself to the firm's securities and no one could say now which of the two—himself or Horsfield. It was true that Horsfield was short of money; it was true that the annual audit would, by the time he used the note, be due the next week. Some hypo-

minister the poison.

There was no difficulty about this either. He knew Horsfield's habits well. Horsfield was a bachelor living in a house in the suburbs with one servant who acted as his housekeeper. This woman always went out on Sundays and Wednesdays. If he was forced to rely on an alibi, obviously he would have to call and see Horsfield quite openly.

The following Tuesday Lewis, with his overcoat on and hat in hand, walked into Horsfield's room where the latter was dictating letters to his secretary.

"Don't go, Miss Smith," and then, to Horsfield. "Can you spare me a few minutes if I call on you one evening, Stanley. I've got out a new scheme for our next financial year which I want to talk over?"

"Certainly," said the other, "What night would suit you?"

"I can't manage to-night. Would to-morrow do you?"

"To-morrow's Wednesday, I can't invite you to dinner as Mrs. James is out, but I'm quite free."

"Forget the dinner. I'll be along about eight."

"Right."

A few minutes to eight the fol-

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"I have brought a few documents with me," said Lewis by way of explaining the case he carried, which also contained the box with the light, the message in specimen handwriting, a pair of gloves and a small phial which was empty but which had had prussic acid in it. A similar phial containing prussic acid he carried in his waistcoat pocket.

"Rotten evening," said Horsfield, noticing the rain on his visitor's coat.

"Certainly better in than out," agreed Lewis as, having been assisted to hang up his hat and coat he followed his host into the lounge.

It was typical of the thoroughness of the man that Lewis's financial scheme was quite a genuine one. The two were engrossed for perhaps half an hour when the inevitable happened.

"Spot of whisky?" inquired Horsfield.

"Not for me, old man. My doctor has just put me off all drinks, but you have one. By the way," he went on holding out his case at one end of which reposed the empty phial, "I found this phial outside the works this evening. Do you think it's one of ours?"

"Looks like it," said the other without interest.

"Smell it."

Horsfield picked up the phial, removed the stopper and held the phial to his nose. The almond smell was unmistakable. "Good heavens! Prussic acid!" he ejaculated as he replaced the stopper and returned the phial to the

open case. "Yes. Someone has been at our poison, I am going to have an inquiry made in the morning. I suppose I had better inform the police?"

"Best to be on the safe side."

Horsfield went to a side table, poured himself out a generous glass of whisky and returned to his armchair, placing the glass on the table between them.

"Sorry I can't offer you some coffee, but there's nobody in, except me."

"That's all right. I had a cup just before I came out."

After a pause Lewis took out his watch—it showed 8.35.

"Sorry to trouble you, old man, but does that wireless of yours work?"

"Yes. Anything you want particularly to hear?"

"There's a new singer on Regional to-night. Supposed to be at half-past eight. His name is Hans Phanter. Just wondered what he was like."

Horsfield got up, walked towards the wireless set behind him. Lewis felt in his waistcoat pocket and then poured the phial of prussic acid into the glass of whisky.

A military band was the Regional item and reference to the programme in the newspaper showed that Lewis's item had been timed for eight o'clock. Horsfield, therefore switched off, came back to his armchair, remarked, "I can still smell that prussic acid," and adding "Cheerio," drained off the whisky.

The poison took effect immediately. With hardly a groan he fell back dead, the empty whisky glass dropping on to the floor by his side.

Lewis wasted no time. Quickly putting on his gloves he placed the phial from his case on the table, searched round and found a piece of the dead man's newspaper. Then, gently sliding the fountain pen out of Horsfield's waistcoat pocket, he used the wooden box to write the farewell note. This written, he placed it

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Short
Story

By C.B.V.
Head

critical whim made him add a word of apology from Horsfield to his supposedly defrauded partner, and then he was satisfied with the language.

The actual writing presented no difficulty. The office was full of specimens of Horsfield's handwriting and he merely sought round for examples of the various syllables—in some cases he found the whole words—which he placed over a glass window let into the top of a wooden box. With a light in the box all he had to do was to trace the letters. Having traced the complete message in Horsfield's handwriting, he practised tracing the whole thing over glass with a fountain pen similar to the one Horsfield used, and while wearing a glove, until he could do it quickly and without effort.

The actual method of the killing also presented no difficulties. The firm had a large stock of prussic acid which they used for the photographic supplies they manufactured. The stock was available to him, but—just as important—it was equally available to Horsfield. If he, Lewis, helped himself to some of it in one of the office phials how could it be afterwards said Horsfield could not have done so?

Lewis was not quite sure how he was going to administer the poison; that would have to be left to circumstances, but that—he comforted himself—was not letting in any element of danger because unless the poison were administered there would be no crime. What Lewis was sure about, however, was that he would have to be present to ad-

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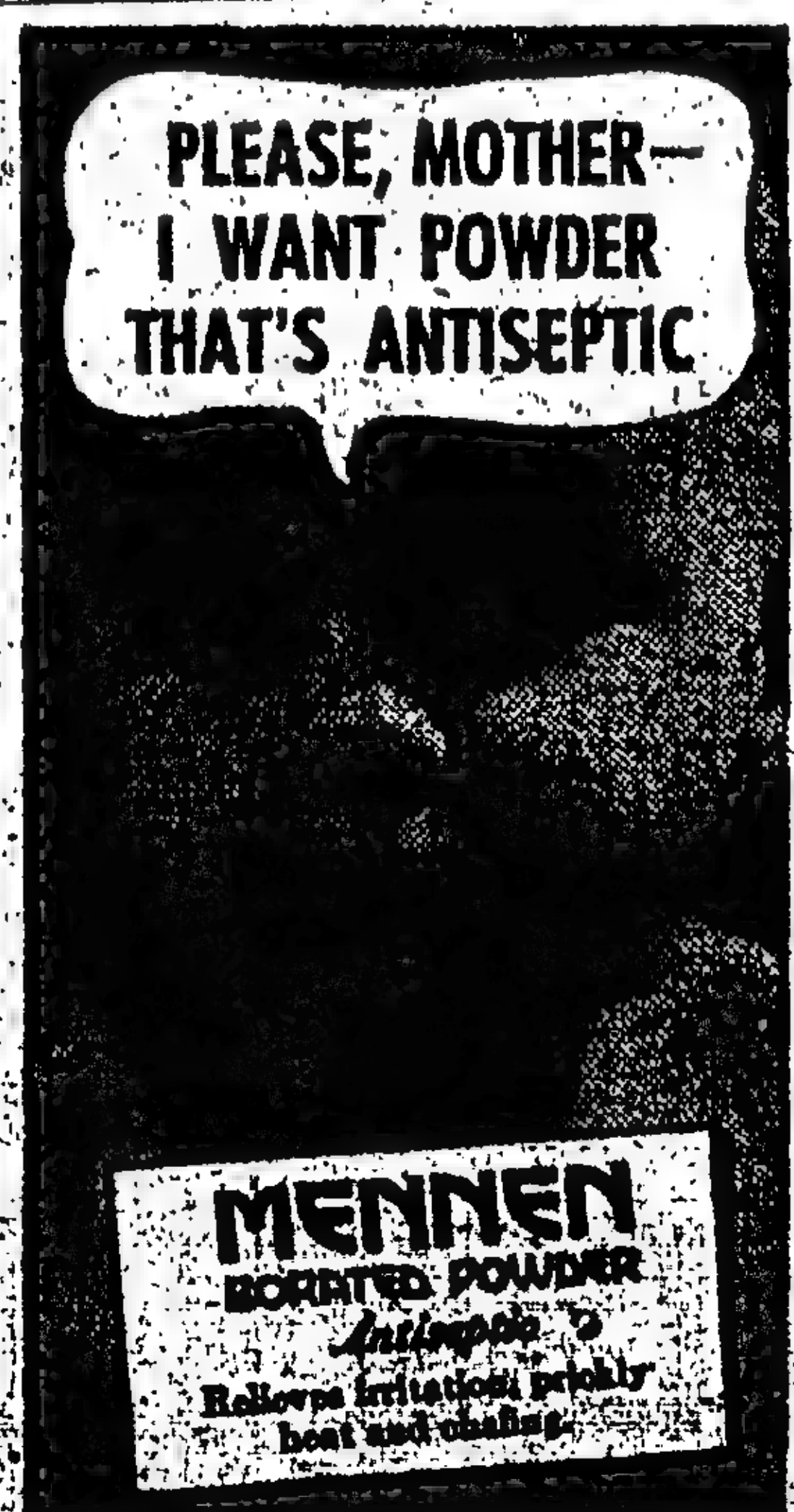
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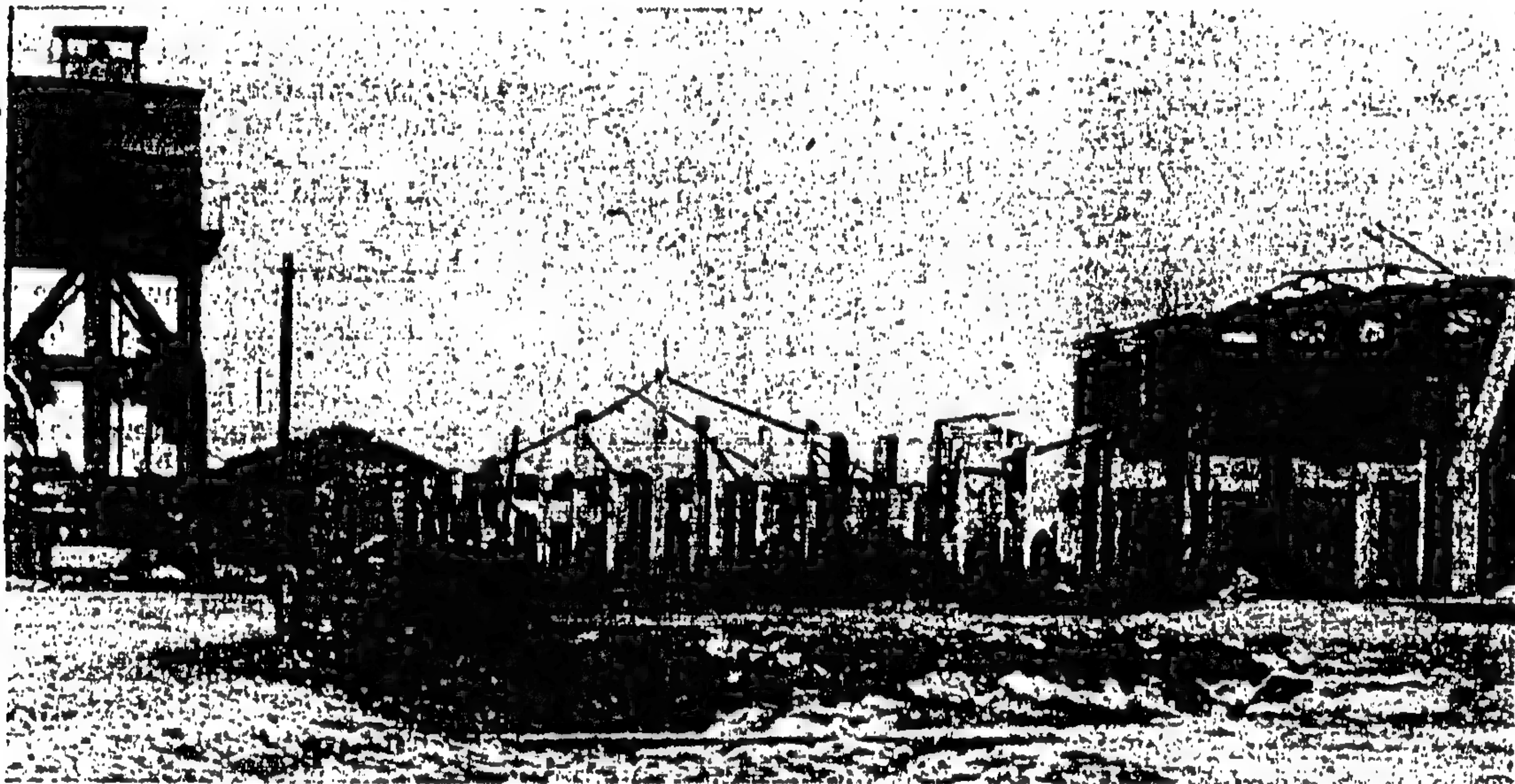
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Much amusement was caused at the Italian Convent Sports by the Potato Race, during which the amah on left seemed to be offering advice to her charge!



The Shumchun Theatre and annex completely destroyed by the recent fire.

DRINK!

The temperance orator was trying to explain to his audience how life had been influenced by total abstinence.

"I am now," he said, proudly, "the head of my department. Five years ago there were two men in superior positions to me."

"One was discharged through drunkenness. The other was led into evil ways and is now serving a long term of imprisonment that

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"Now what, I ask you," he added, impressively, "what has raised me to my present high position?"

A voice from the back of the hall came at once: "Drink!"

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FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.A.	Pts.
Everton	35	23	4	8	74	44 50
Wolves	35	19	8	8	76	48 46
Derby	36	18	7	11	60	46 43
Middlesbro.	36	17	8	11	81	61 42
Charlton	35	17	8	12	64	52 40
Stoke	36	14	10	12	64	63 40
Aston-Villa	35	16	7	12	65	46 39
Bolton	35	13	12	10	60	49 38
Arsenal	35	14	9	12	45	35 37
Liverpool	36	12	12	12	54	58 36
Sunderland	35	12	9	15	47	55 35
Preston	34	12	10	12	49	50 34
Grimsby	35	12	10	13	49	61 34
Leeds	34	13	7	14	51	58 33
Brontford	35	13	7	15	48	61 33
Manchester U.	35	9	13	13	49	59 31
Portsmouth	35	10	12	13	39	62 30
Blackpool	35	8	13	14	47	56 29
Chelsea	34	11	6	17	58	67 28
Huddersfield	35	10	8	17	47	53 28
Leicester	36	8	10	18	37	65 26
Birmingham	35	9	6	20	53	76 24

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.A.	Pts.
Blackburn	35	21	4	10	84	52 46
Wednesday	34	18	7	9	77	52 43
Sheffield U.	35	15	12	8	52	36 42
Chesterfield	35	17	8	10	56	43 42
Newcastle	36	17	8	11	56	40 42
Luton	34	18	4	12	67	55 40
Coventry	34	17	6	11	51	39 40
West Brom.	35	17	6	12	84	63 40
Fulham	34	15	9	10	52	42 39
Tottenham	35	15	9	11	56	48 39
Manchester C.	33	17	4	12	81	64 38
Burnley	37	14	9	14	45	46 37
West Ham	35	13	9	13	42	40 35
Southampton	35	12	8	15	50	62 32
Millwall	35	10	12	13	54	48 32
Bury	36	11	10	15	56	62 32
Plymouth	34	12	7	15	42	48 31
Bradford	36	10	10	16	55	73 30
Swansea	34	8	10	16	42	68 26
Notts F.	35	7	9	19	42	78 23
Norwich	33	10	2	21	40	82 22
Tranmere	36	5	5	26	35	90 20

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.A.	Pts.
Newport	36	20	9	7	53	38 49
Crystal P.	34	17	8	9	59	44 42
Brighton	35	16	8	11	57	43 40
Reading	36	14	12	10	63	51 40
Notts C.	33	16	7	10	51	37 39
Watford	35	16	7	12	56	46 39
Queen's P.R.	34	14	9	11	63	43 37
Swindon	34	15	7	12	65	60 37
Aldershot	34	13	10	11	41	49 36
Bristol C.	35	13	10	12	50	51 36
Northampton	35	15	6	14	51	50 36
Cardiff	34	12	9	13	47	50 33
Torquay	34	12	8	14	46	54 32
Bournemouth	35	10	11	14	43	54 31
Mansfield	35	10	11	14	39	57 31
Southend	31	12	6	13	50	56 30
Exeter	34	10	10	14	55	73 30
Ipswich	32	10	9	13	43	46 29
Port Vale	33	10	7	16	40	48 27
Clapton	33	8	10	15	37	44 26
Bristol R.	36	8	10	16	43	48 26
Walsall	34	6	10	18	41	59 22

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.A.	Pts.
Barnsley	36	26	6	4	82	29 58
Doncaster	34	16	12	6	64	40 44
Bradford C.	35	10	6	10	77	45 44
Southport	33	16	10	7	64	41 42
Oldham	35	18	5	12	60	49 41
Crewe	36	18	4	14	77	58 40
Hull	35	16	8	11	77	62 40
Stockport	33	15	7	11	77	49 37
Chester	34	14	8	12	71	64 36
Halifax	35	11	13	11	42	48 35
Barrow	35	14	7	14	56	58 35
Rotherham	36	14	7	15	58	59 35
New Brighton	36	13	8	15	57	62 34
Wrexham	36	14	6	16	55	73 34
Rochdale	36	12	9	16	79	69 33
Gateshead	34	10	11	13	60	70 31
Lincoln	35	11	9	15	62	76 31
Carlisle	34	12	6	16	56	86 30
Darlington	36	11	8	19	54	82 28
York	34	9	8	17	49	71 26
Hartlepool	36	10	5	21	48	86 25
Accrington	36	4	5	27	39	88 13

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (FIRST)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.A.	Pts.
Rangers	35	24	8	3	108	48 56
Celtic	33	18	7	8	92	46 43
Hearts	35	19	5	11	94	62 43
Aberdeen	34	18	6	10	84	57 42
Falkirk	35	17	7	11	68	59 41
Queen O'S.	35	16	8	11	65	59 40
St. Johnstone	36	17	5	14	81	78 39
Hamilton	35	16	5	14	60	68 37
Motherwell	34	13	9	12	65	74 35
Kilmarnock	34	13	9	12	65	77 35
Clyde	34	15	4	15	69	86 34
Partick	35	15	4	16	68	82 34
Ayr	34	12	8	14	68	73 32
Hibernian	35	12	7	16	66	66 31
Third Lanark	34	11	7	16	23	82 29
Arbroath	36	9	8	19	47	25 26
Queen's Park	34	10	5	19	53	76 25
St. Mirren	35	9	7	19	49	72 25
Abdon	35	10	5	20	62	89 25
Rath	36	8	2	24	60	91 20



A close finish in a junior race at St. Paul's Girls College Sports.



Wearing a grim expression a local girl Softball player hits out.



Mothers!

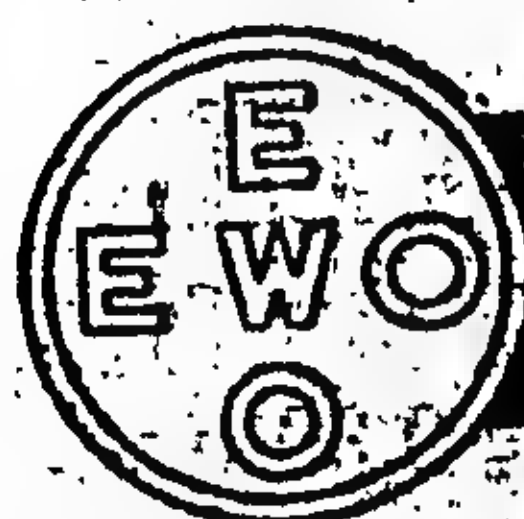
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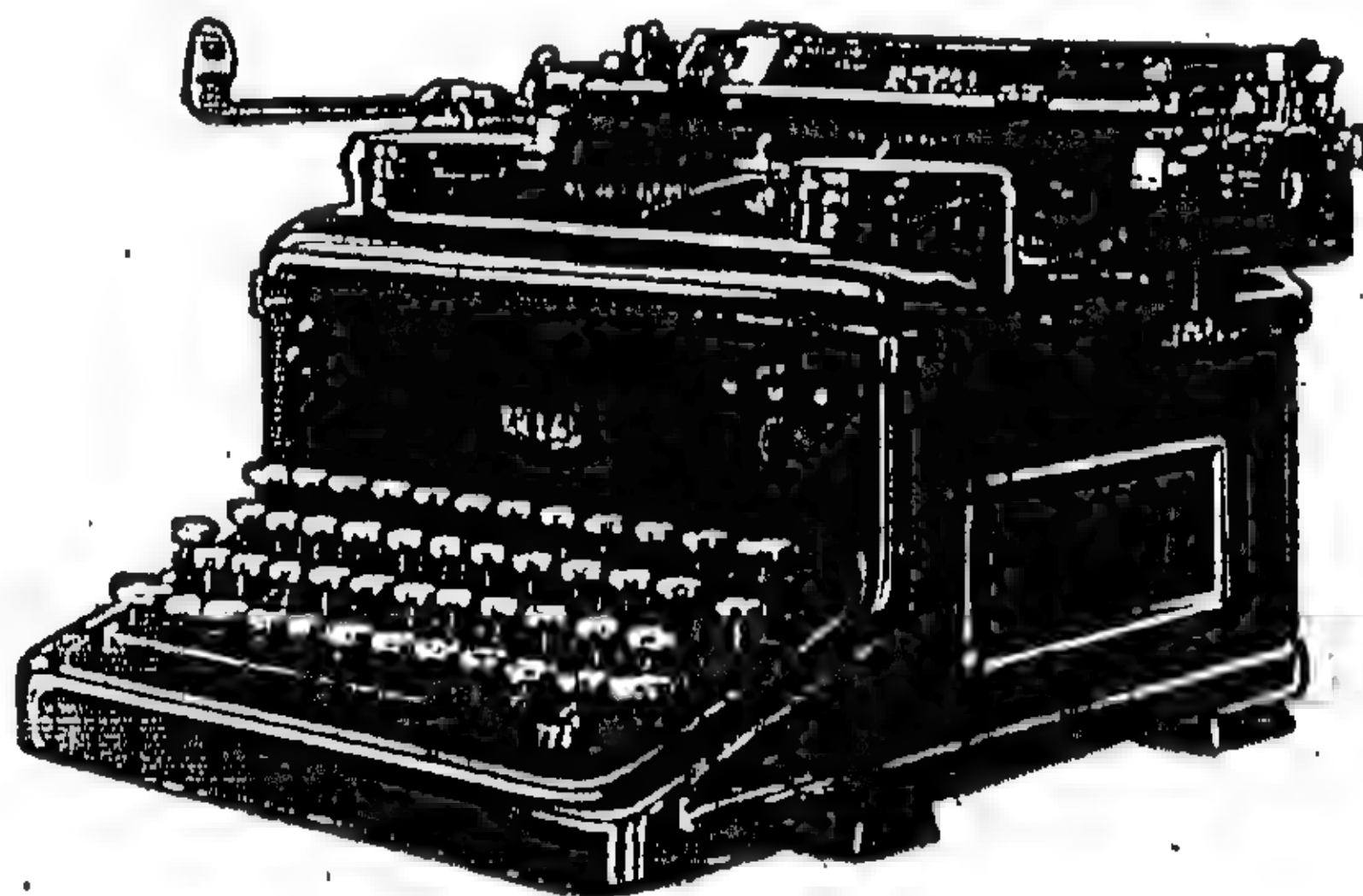


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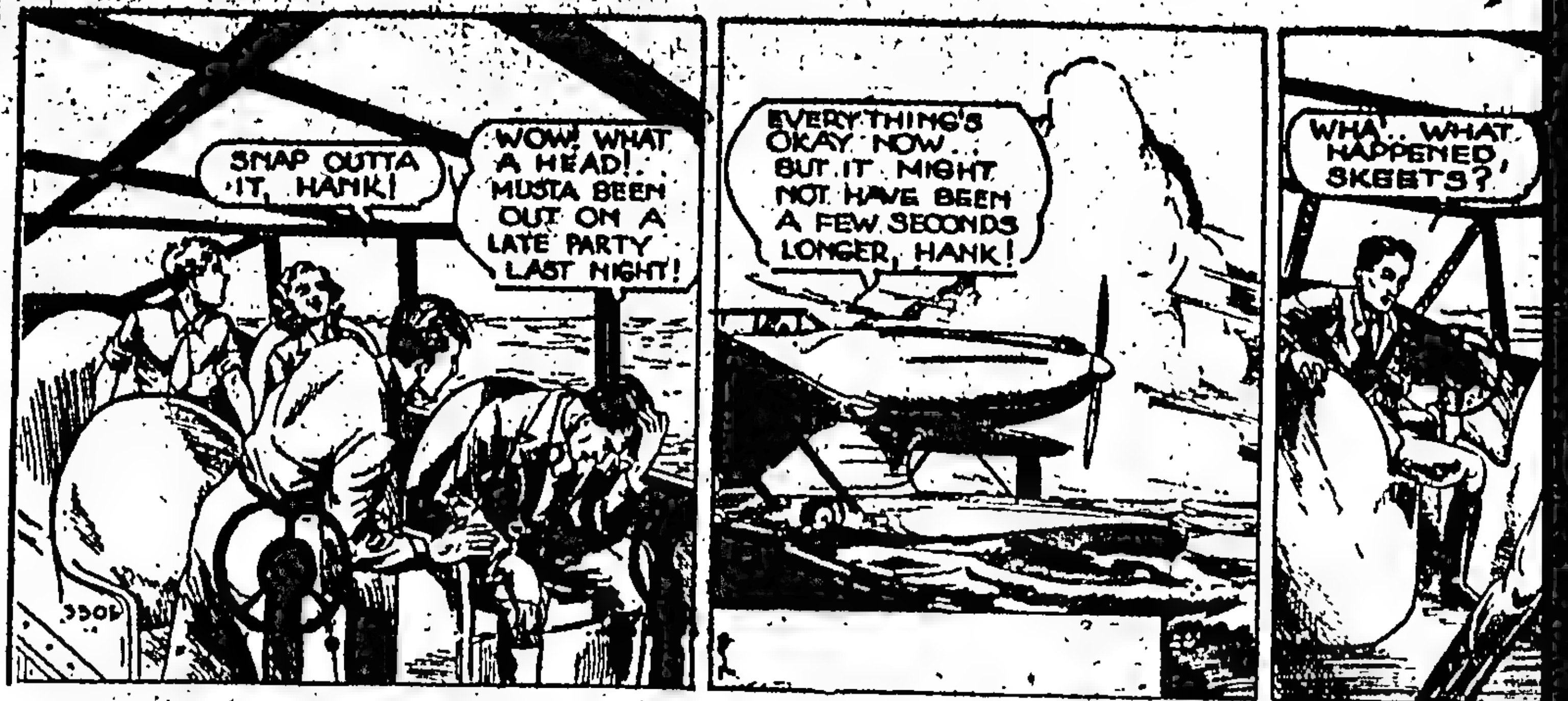
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LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:

INSURANCES
Canton Ins. \$220 b., \$222 sa.
Union Ins. \$460 b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.
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Suyoc Consol. Ps. 18 sa.
United Paracales Ps. 66 sa.
PUBLIC UTILITIES
H. K. Tramways \$16 1/4 b., \$16.35 sa.
China Lights (Old) \$8.30 b., \$8 1/4 s.
China Lights (New) \$5.35 b.
H. K. Electrics \$56 1/4 s.
STORES, &C.
Dairy Farms, Ex. Rts. \$21 1/2 b.
MISCELLANEOUS
Entertainments \$8.40 b.

K.C.C. FIRST ELEVEN

The following will represent Kowloon Cricket Club 1st XI in a friendly cricket match with Royal Navy on Saturday.

D. J. N. Anderson (Capt.), K. M. Baxter, R. T. Broadbridge, H. Broken shire, G. T. Davies, E. F. Fincher, E. C. Fincher, G. W. Giffen, R. E. Lee, N. A. E. Mackay and G. A. White.

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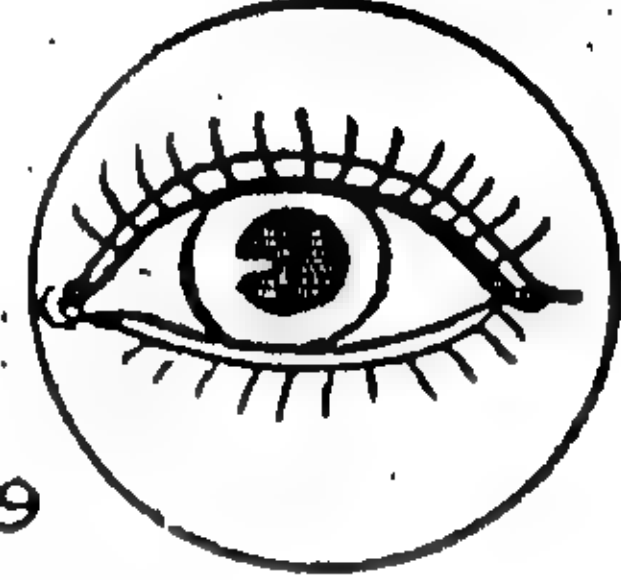
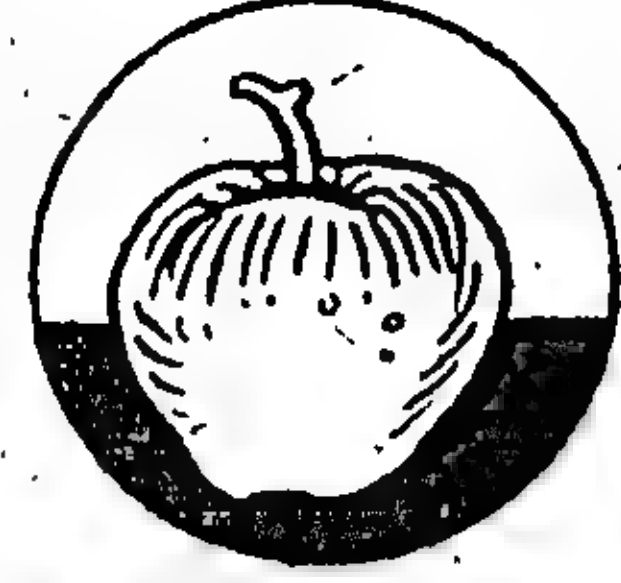
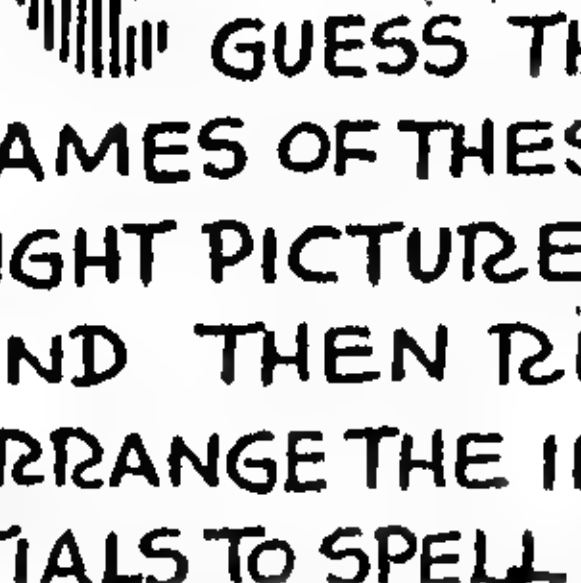
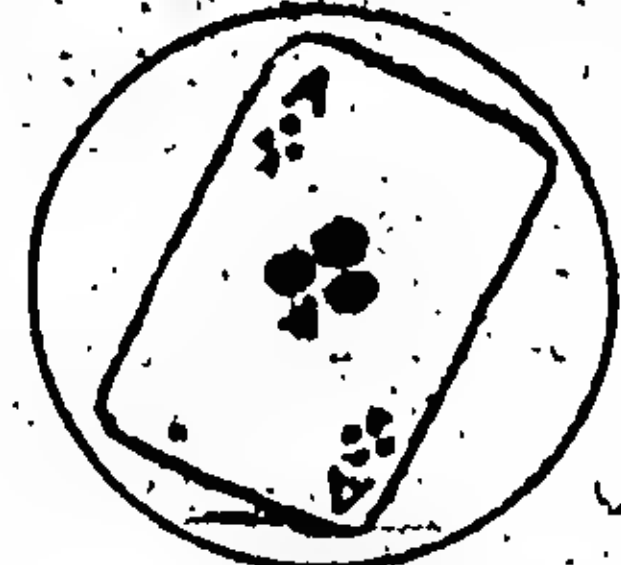
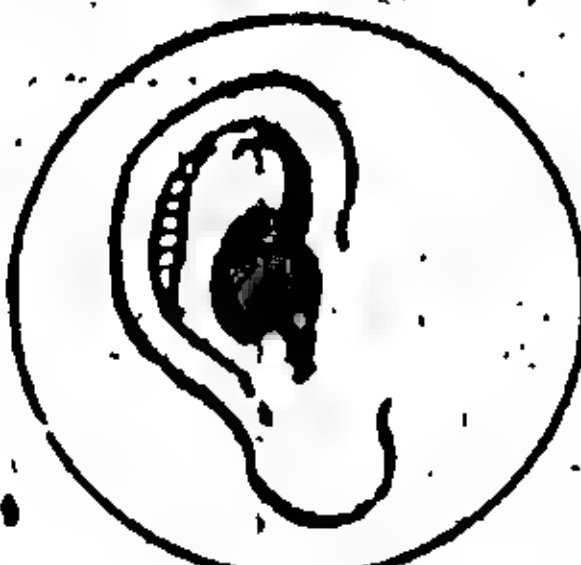
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CHILDREN'S PUZZLE



AN YOU GUESS THE NAMES OF THESE EIGHT PICTURES AND THEN RE-ARRANGE THE INITIALS TO SPELL A TYPE OF DOG?

6-19

Answer on Saturday.

Answer to yesterday's puzzle: Shark, shad, bass, pike, roach, cod, ling, smelt and eel.

S.C.F.A. SOCCER VISITORS ENTERTAINED

The Singapore Chinese football team were guests of honour at a dinner given by South China Athletic Association at West Point last night, when about 50 people were present. Among them were Mr. Chau Man-chi, President of the S.C.A.A., Mr. T. F. Lo, Chairman of the S.C.A.A., the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, vice-President of Hong Kong F.A., and Mr. W. Pryde, Chairman of the Hong Kong F.A.

In proposing the toast of the Straits Chinese Football Association, Mr. Chau Man-chi said that the relations between the two association dated back for many years. The visitors' record in Singapore was an enviable one, and it was a pity that they were unable to field their full strength in the Colony owing to injuries. When the football team for the 1940 Olympic Games is

chosen, continued the speaker, he was sure that some of the visiting team would be included.

Replying, Mr. Cho Kwai-low, Secretary of the Straits team, said that though they had lost here, they had not been disgraced. He expressed the appreciation of the Straits team for the hospitality they had encountered, and expressed the hope that in the near future they would have the honour of reciprocating the generosity of the S.C.A.A.

Proposing "Our Guests", Mr. T. F. Lo said that it was the earnest endeavour of the South China A.A. to cultivate friendship and goodwill among the people of all nationalities in this cosmopolitan Colony, and to obtain their lofty aspiration they needed the guidance of the Hong Kong F.A., encouragement from the Hong Kong C.A.A.F., and co-operation from sister Clubs.

Mr. Pau Ka-ping, captain of the South China A.A. team, then presented Mr. John Then, captain of the visiting team, with a Chinese silk scroll framed, and a football autographed by all the players in their match.

The R. M. S. "Empress Of Canada" left Shanghai to-day at 7.00 a.m., is due at Hong Kong on Saturday at 9.00 a.m. and leaves for Manila on the same day at 6.00 a.m.

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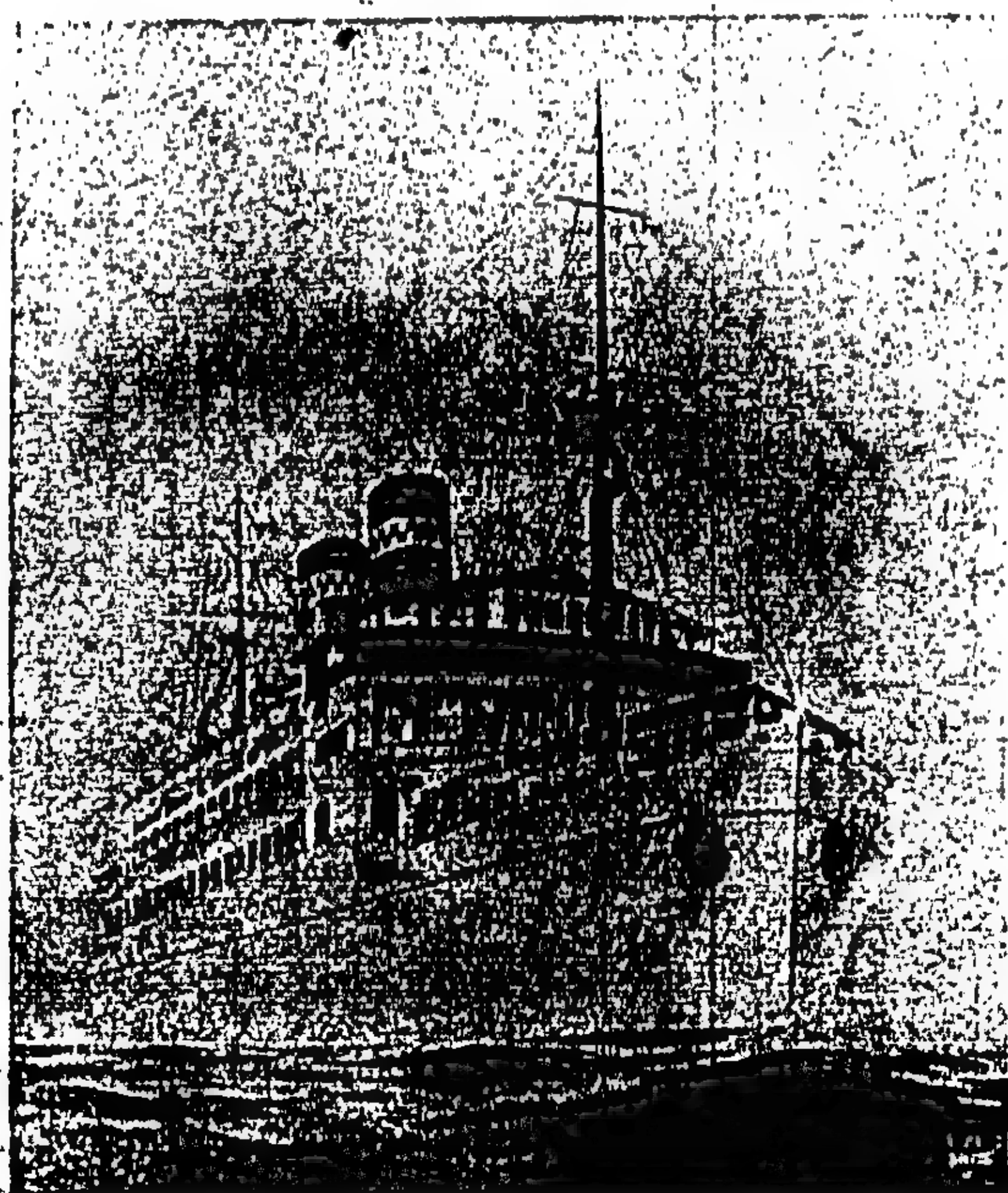
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Birmingham (1) v	ARSENAL (2)
BOLTON (1) v	Sunderland (1)
CHARLTON (-) v	Aston Villa (-)
Chelsea (2) v	Everton (0)
LEEDS (1) v	Grimsby (1)
Leicester (0) v	Blackpool (1)
Liverpool (3) v	DERBY (4)
M'chester U. (-) v	Portsmouth (-)
Middlesbro' (0) v	Brentford (1)
Preston (2) v	WOLVES (0)
STOKE (0) v	Huddersfield (1)
SECOND DIVISION	
BURNLEY (2) v	West Ham (0)
COVENTRY (5) v	Swansea (0)
LUTON (4) v	Fulham (0)
NEW-CASTLE (-) v	M'chester C. (-)
Norwich (3) v	BLACKBURN (2)
NOTTS F. (1) v	Bradford (0)
Plymouth (2) v	WEDNESDAY (4)
THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)	
Sheffield U. (2) v	Bury (1)
Southampton (0) v	Chesterfield (1)
TOTTENHAM (-) v	Tranmere (-)
W. BROM (-) v	Millwall (-)
THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)	
Barnsley (-) v	York (2)
BRADFORD C. (1) v	Wrexham (-)
Chester (0) v	Carlisle (2)
HALIFAX (0) v	Southport (1)
Hull (2) v	Crewe (3)
Lincoln (5) v	Hartlepool (0)
OLDHAM (3) v	D'CASTER (1)
NEWPORT (0) v	Rotherham (0)
ROCHDALE (-) v	Gateshead (1)
STOCKPORT (-) v	Darlington (0)
SCOTTISH LEAGUE (FIRST DIVISION)	
ARBRATH (4) v	Avr (0)
CLYDE (-) v	Albion (-)
FALKIRK (0) v	St. Mirren (2)
Hibernian (0) v	CRITIC (4)
Kilmarnock (3) v	HEARTS (1)
Monmouth (3) v	St. Johnstone (1)
PARTICK (1) v	Third Lanark (3)
Q. of the S. (0) v	Hamilton (1)
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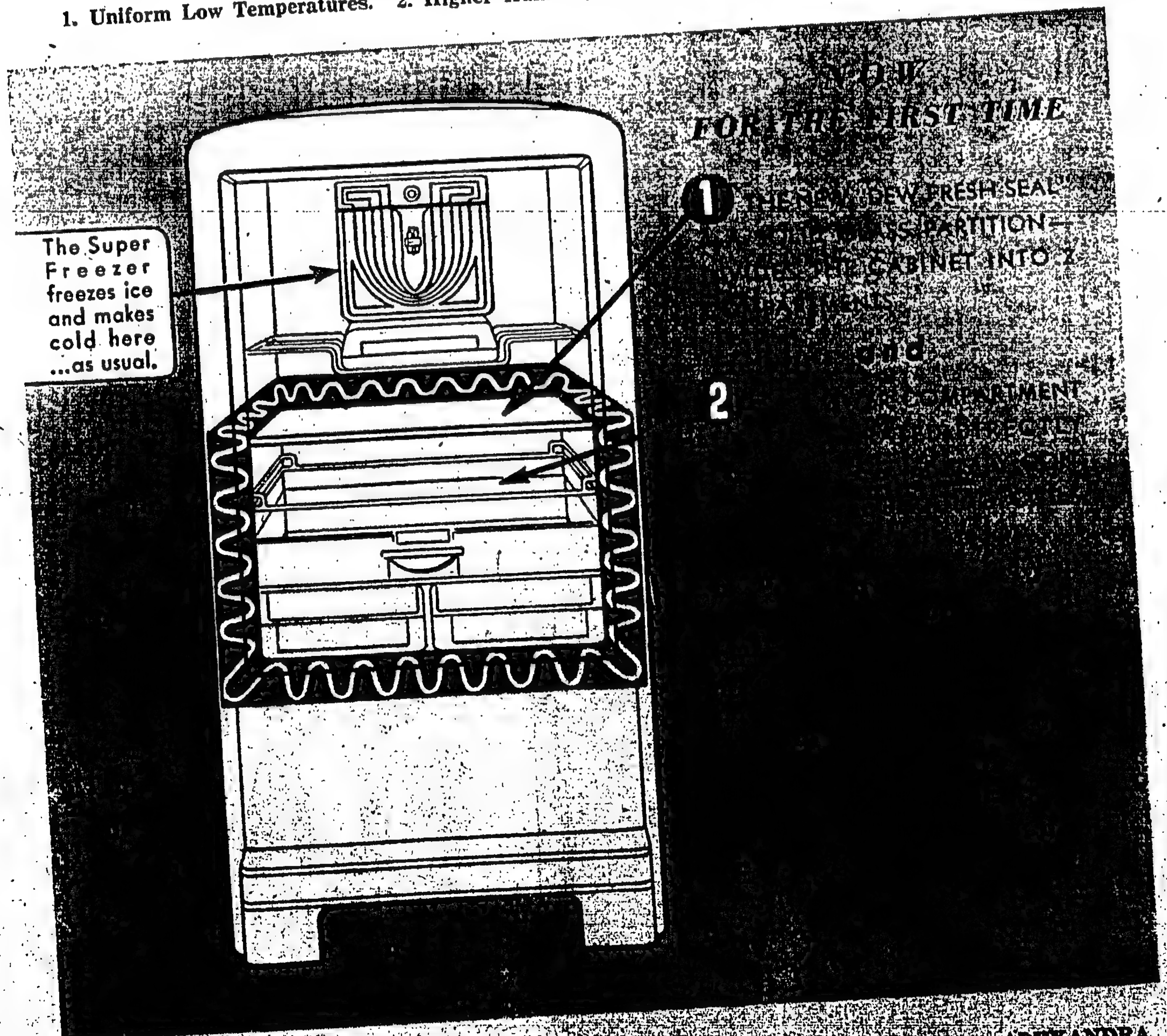
Stoke.—Should be easy winners, but Huddersfield are fighting to escape relegation and may capture a point.
Queens Park Rangers.—On the right day, Newport can win here.

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TWO DAY EASTER RACE MEETING

(Continued from Page 22)

Mr. C. F. Chiu is an improving novice rider and he has the choice of either Matador or Phoenix, and whichever he ultimately decides to take out will stand a good chance of winning.

Pall Mall will be ridden by Mr. Ho Hong Ping. I fancy that this pony requires careful handling, and if Mr. Ho can accomplish the necessary, then he will have a say at the finish. Kut Cheung will be taken out by another fast-improving novice jockey in Mr. G. Treverton. I understand that Mr. K. I. Ip will be given the mount on Wilber, and if that is the case, he will have to be borne in mind. I think Pall Mall should just about win, with Kut Cheung second and Wilber third.

RACE NO. 8: ROSEHILL STAKES: SIX FURLONGS.

This race is confined to Australian ponies of this season, with the follow-

ing possible starters:—

**AMBER II (MR. IP KUI YING).
A ROARING TIME (MR. NEEDA).
MURRUMBIDGEE (MR. H. J. A. HEARNE).**

**POCONOS (MR. WEI).
RISING STAR (MR. PAN).
WINFRED (MR. PIH).**

Amber II won the Hobart Plate at Fanling over the same distance, and for that win it will find good support on Saturday. A Roaring Time, Murrumbidgee and Winfred did not make an appearance during the Annual Meeting.

Murrumbidgee attracted a good deal of attention for its fine work during early training, and A Roaring Time is also considered a good animal. But for this race I like Rising Star, which was fourth in the Randwick Plate over the mile, the winner being Chiltern. Rising Star is my choice, with Winfred second and A Roaring Time third.

RACE NO. 9: TAIWAN BAY HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION SIX FURLONGS).

This is the second section of the race for "D" Class China ponies. Tempest (Mr. L. B. Chao) is given top weight of 162 lbs., which I consider is sufficiently heavy enough to hinder its chances of winning.

Fei Ying looks tempting when it is remembered that it came second to Ebony Idol in the St. John's Cup at Fanling. Racing Boy (Mr. Chanson) and Tabby Cat (Mr. Pih) should be well in the running. Whalsey (Mr. Proulx) does not seem to be its usual self, but should it reveal its old form again it will then prove quite dangerous.

I prefer Meteor, which has been running quite well lately in training, with Racing Boy second and Tabby Cat third.

RACE NO. 10: HONGHAM BAY HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION ONE MILE).

The second lot of "B" Class ponies will battle out the finish of this final event, and an interesting struggle is expected. Tampa Bay (Mr. Black), which came second to Rose Jane in the Hong Kong Handicap over 1 1/4 miles at the previous meeting, should have a chance of scoring a win here as its weight has been reduced 10 lbs.

Oak Bay (Mr. Proulx) is too heavily handicapped and for that reason alone I don't think it can win.

Peaceful View (Mr. Pih) is a likely danger, also Potentate (Mr. Encarnacao), which is very lightly treated. Soldier of Britain (Mr. F. F. Li) has come down to 140 lbs., and on that account I recommend it as an outsider. I am inclined to favour Peaceful View to win, with Tampa Bay second, and Potentate third.

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LEAGUE TABLES & FORM GUIDE

COVERING the last five League matches, this guide to current form in the English and Scottish Football Leagues indicates venue, opponent and result, with the most recent result on the extreme right column, i.e. (a18) indicates that the team played away to Team No. 18.

FIRST DIVISION

1 Arsenal	(h 5) 3-1 (a13) 2-4 (h15) 2-0 (a14) 2-0 (h17) 1-2
2 Aston Villa	(h 8) 5-1 (a10) 1-1 (h20) 3-1 (a 8) 1-2 (h19) 3-0
3 Birmingham	(a 2) 1-5 (h22) 3-2 (a10) 2-4 (h12) 1-1 (a18) 0-2
4 Blackpool	(a 7) 1-3 (a 8) 1-1 (h 5) 0-0 (a13) 0-1 (h15) 1-1
5 Bolton	(a 1) 1-3 (h 6) 1-1 (a 4) 0-0 (h 9) 2-1 (a11) 1-1
6 Brentford	(h 7) 1-0 (a 5) 1-1 (h13) 0-1 (a15) 0-1 (h14) 2-0
7 Charlton	(a 6) 0-1 (h 4) 3-1 (a 9) 1-3 (h11) 3-1 (a21) 1-1
8 Chelsea	(h11) 5-1 (h 4) 1-1 (a21) 2-8 (h 2) 2-1 (a22) 0-2
9 Derby	(h 8) 0-1 (a19) 1-1 (h 7) 3-1 (a 5) 1-2 (h13) 1-0
10 Everton	(h14) 4-0 (a17) 4-4 (h 3) 4-2 (a16) 2-0 (h20) 1-1
11 Grimsby	(h20) 2-1 (a 8) 1-5 (h19) 1-1 (a 7) 1-3 (h 5) 1-1
12 Huddersfield	(a14) 1-0 (h15) 1-1 (h17) 0-1 (a 3) 1-1 (h16) 1-1
13 Leeds	(a18) 0-2 (h 1) 4-2 (a 8) 1-0 (h 1) 0-2 (a 6) 0-2
14 Leicester	(a10) 0-4 (h12) 0-1 (a18) 1-0 (h 1) 0-2 (a 6) 0-2
15 Liverpool	(h18) 4-4 (a12) 1-1 (a 1) 0-2 (h 6) 1-0 (a 4) 1-1
16 Manchester U.	(a21) 2-5 (h 2) 1-1 (a22) 0-3 (h10) 0-2 (a12) 1-1
17 Middlesbrough	(a22) 1-6 (h10) 4-4 (a12) 1-0 (h18) 8-2 (a 1) 2-1
18 Portsmouth	(a15) 4-4 (a21) 2-0 (h14) 0-1 (a17) 2-8 (h 3) 2-0
19 Preston	(a 0) 1-2 (h 9) 4-1 (a11) 1-1 (h21) 2-1 (a 2) 0-3
20 Stoke	(a11) 1-2 (h21) 3-1 (a 2) 1-3 (h22) 5-3 (a10) 1-1
21 Sunderland	(a20) 1-2 (h18) 0-2 (h 8) 3-2 (a19) 1-2 (h 7) 1-1
22 Wolves	(h17) 5-1 (a 3) 2-3 (h16) 3-0 (a20) 3-5 (h 8) 2-0

SECOND DIVISION

1 Blackburn	(a 6) 1-0 (h 8) 2-0 (h13) 3-2 (a11) 2-2 (h21) 3-0
2 Bradford	(h11) 0-1 (a 3) 0-0 (h18) 0-0 (a16) 2-3 (h 6) 0-2
3 Barnley	(a 4) 0-1 (h 2) 0-0 (a17) 0-4 (h 5) 1-2 (a19) 3-0
4 Bury	(h 3) 1-0 (a21) 0-6 (h12) 2-3 (a 8) 1-2 (h14) 3-0
5 Chesterfield	(a14) 0-0 (h15) 1-0 (a20) 2-2 (a 3) 2-1 (h18) 3-1
6 Coventry	(a 5) 0-3 (h 1) 0-1 (a10) 0-0 (h 9) 0-1 (a 2) 2-0
7 Fulham	(h14) 1-2 (a13) 1-1 (h11) 1-1 (a21) 0-3 (h12) 2-0
8 Luton	(h19) 3-0 (a 1) 0-2 (a22) 1-0 (h 4) 2-1 (a20) 1-4
9 Manchester C.	(a18) 3-2 (a10) 1-3 (h16) 2-1 (a 6) 1-0 (h13) 3-0
10 Millwall	(h 9) 3-1 (h 6) 0-0 (a19) 0-3 (h22) 0-2 (h11) 1-1
11 Newcastle	(h20) 2-1 (a12) 1-1 (a 7) 1-1 (h 1) 2-2 (a10) 1-1
12 Norwich	(h22) 2-6 (h11) 1-1 (a 4) 3-2 (h20) 2-2 (a 7) 0-2
13 Notts F.	(a17) 0-1 (h 7) 1-1 (a 1) 2-3 (h10) 3-0 (a 9) 0-3
14 Plymouth	(a 7) 2-1 (h 5) 0-0 (a19) 0-2 (h22) 0-0 (a 4) 0-3
15 Sheffield U.	(a20) 0-1 (h17) 1-2 (a 5) 0-1 (h19) 2-0 (a22) 0-0
16 Southampton	(a19) 1-1 (h10) 1-1 (a 9) 1-2 (h 2) 3-2 (a17) 3-1
17 Swansea	(h13) 1-0 (a15) 2-1 (h 3) 4-0 (a18) 0-3 (h16) 1-3
18 Tottenham	(a22) 2-0 (h 9) 2-3 (a 2) 0-0 (h17) 3-0 (a 5) 1-3
19 Transmere	(h16) 1-1 (a 8) 0-3 (h14) 2-0 (a15) 0-2 (h 3) 0-3
20 Wednesday	(a11) 1-2 (h21) 2-1 (h 5) 0-0 (a12) 2-2 (h 8) 4-1
21 West Brom.	(a 9) 3-8 (h 4) 6-0 (a20) 1-2 (h 7) 3-0 (a 1) 0-3
22 West Ham	(a12) 6-2 (h 8) 0-1 (a14) 0-0 (a10) 2-0 (h15) 0-0

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

1 Aldershot	(h21) 3-3 (a11) 0-1 (h16) 2-0 (a18) 1-2 (h 9) 2-0
2 Bournemouth	(h15) 1-1 (a12) 2-2 (h 7) 0-0 (h 5) 5-2 (a20) 0-2
3 Brighton	(a13) 4-1 (h12) 0-0 (a 7) 0-2 (h20) 2-0 (a19) 2-3
4 Bristol C.	(h11) 2-0 (a13) 1-3 (h18) 1-0 (a 9) 1-1 (h 6) 1-1
5 Bristol R.	(h 7) 1-0 (a20) 2-2 (h19) 5-0 (a 2) 2-5 (a15) 1-2
6 Cardiff	(a19) 1-4 (h15) 2-4 (a22) 0-1 (h 8) 0-1 (a 4) 1-1
7 Clapton	(h17) 1-2 (a 5) 0-1 (h 3) 2-0 (a 2) 0-0 (h21) 1-1
8 Crystal P.	(h16) 0-1 (a18) 1-3 (h 9) 3-2 (a 6) 1-0 (h10) 3-0
9 Exeter	(a15) 2-3 (h22) 1-3 (a 8) 2-3 (h 4) 1-1 (a 1) 0-2
10 Ipswich	(a20) 1-1 (h19) 3-1 (a16) 0-0 (h22) 5-1 (a 8) 0-3
11 Mansfield	(h20) 4-0 (h 1) 1-0 (a14) 1-1 (h13) 1-1 (a11) 0-0
12 Newport	(h 5) 2-0 (a 3) 0-0 (h 2) 2-2 (a21) 1-1 (h10) 0-0
13 Northampton	(h 3) 1-1 (a 2) 1-3 (h21) 4-1 (a11) 1-1 (h16) 1-0
14 Notts C.	(h 2) 0-1 (a21) 3-3 (h11) 1-1 (a16) 1-0 (h18) 4-1
15 Port Vale	(a 6) 4-2 (a 2) 1-1 (h10) 0-0 (a17) 1-2 (h 5) 2-1
16 Queen's P.R.	(a 8) 1-0 (h 4) 3-1 (a 1) 0-2 (h14) 0-1 (a13) 0-1
17 Reading	(a 7) 2-1 (h20) 3-5 (a19) 2-4 (h15) 2-1 (a22) 1-3
18 Southend	(a22) 0-3 (h 8) 3-1 (a 4) 0-1 (h 1) 2-1 (a14) 1-4
19 Swindon	(h 6) 4-1 (a10) 1-3 (h17) 4-2 (a 5) 0-5 (h 3) 3-2
20 Torquay	(a11) 0-4 (a17) 5-3 (h 5) 2-2 (a 3) 0-2 (h 2) 2-0
21 Watford	(a 1) 3-3 (h14) 3-3 (a13) 1-4 (h12) 1-1 (a 7) 1-1
22 Watford	(h18) 3-0 (a 9) 3-1 (h 6) 1-0 (a10) 1-5 (h17) 3-1

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

1 Accrington	(a 5) 4-6 (h 8) 3-0 (a12) 1-2 (h10) 1-1 (a21) 0-2
2 Barnsley	(a 7) 0-0 (h 5) 3-0 (a 8) 1-0 (h12) 2-0 (a10) 1-1
3 Barrow	(h22) 2-0 (a17) 2-2 (a 9) 1-1 (h19) 4-0 (a 7) 1-1
4 Bradford C.	(a21) 1-1 (h 9) 2-1 (a17) 1-1 (h 7) 4-1 (h18) 5-2
5 Carlisle	(h 1) 0-4 (a 2) 0-3 (h16) 2-0 (a11) 1-5 (h15) 1-1
6 Chester	(a22) 2-2 (h17) 0-0 (a18) 0-2 (h 9) 0-4 (a19) 0-2
7 Crewe	(a16) 0-3 (h11) 2-2 (a 4) 1-4 (a15) 2-1 (h 3) 1-1
8 Darlington	(h20) 4-3 (a 1) 0-6 (h 2) 0-1 (a16) 0-2 (h11) 1-0
9 Doncaster	(h11) 0-0 (a15) 6-3 (a 4) 1-2 (h 3) 1-1 (a 6) 4-0
10 Gateshead	(h13) 2-2 (a14) 0-1 (h20) 4-1 (a 1) 1-1 (h 2) 1-1
11 Halifax	(a 9) 0-0 (h19) 1-1 (a 7) 2-2 (h 5) 5-1 (a 8) 0-1
12 Hartlepool	(h14) 2-1 (a20) 0-5 (h 1) 2-1 (a 2) 0-2 (h16) 0-1
13 Hull	(h18) 0-2 (h21) 1-1 (a22) 0-1 (h17) 3-8 (a18) 2-0
14 Lincoln	(a18) 0-0 (h10) 1-0 (a21) 0-1 (h22) 3-3 (a17) 0-4
15 New Brighton	(a11) 0-0 (h 9) 3-6 (a19) 1-1 (h 7) 1-2 (a 5) 1-1
16 Oldham	(a19) 0-0 (h 7) 3-0 (a 5) 0-2 (h 8) 2-0 (a12) 0-0
17 Rochdale	(h 3) 2-2 (a 6) 0-0 (h 4) 1-1 (a13) 3-3 (h14) 4-0
18 Rotherham	(h15) 0-0 (a13) 2-0 (h 8) 2-0 (a 4) 2-5 (h18) 0-2
19 Southport	(h16) 0-0 (a11) 1-1 (h15) 1-1 (a 3) 0-4 (h 6) 2-0
20 Stockport	(a 8) 3-4 (h12) 5-0 (a10) 1-4 (h21) 2-4 (a22) 2-1
21 Wrexham	(h 4) 1-1 (a13) 1-1 (h14) 1-0 (a20) 1-2 (h 1) 2-0
22 York	(a 3) 0-2 (h 6) 2-2 (h13) 1-0 (a14) 3-3 (h20) 1-2

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (FIRST DIVISION)

1 Aberdeen	(h 9) 4-3 (a 9) 1-1 (a 8) 0-1 (h15) 2-1 (h14) 4-3
2 Albion	(h 8) 5-0 (a17) 0-5 (a14) 3-3 (a 9) 0-2 (h11) 6-1
3 Arbroath	(h 7) 1-2 (a20) 0-3 (a10) 1-1 (h19) 2-1 (a 5) 0-2
4 Ayr	(a13) 3-2 (h 5) 1-4 (h13) 6-1 (a18) 1-0 (h 7) 3-0
5 Celtic	(h13) 3-1 (a20) 2-0 (a 4) 4-1 (h 7) 1-2 (h 3) 2-0
6 Clyde	(h 1) 1-1 (h15) 2-3 (a16) 2-0 (h17) 1-1 (a 8) 2-1
7 Falkirk	(a 3) 2-1 (h10) 1-1 (a 5) 2-1 (h20) 4-0 (a 4) 6-3
8 Hamilton	(h16) 1-3 (a 2) 0-5 (h 1) 1-0 (h11) 8-1 (h 6) 1-2
9 Hearts	(h15) 3-3 (h14) 1-2 (a17) 1-1 (h 2) 2-0 (h16) 2-1
10 Hibernian	(h18) 1-2 (a 7) 1-1 (h 8) 1-1 (a13) 0-4 (a19) 6-0
11 Kilmarnock	(a17) 2-2 (h14) 1-1 (a16) 3-2 (a 8) 1-3 (a22) 1-3
12 Motherwell	(a 3) 0-2 (h19) 2-1 (h13) 4-8 (a 4) 1-6 (a20) 1-3
13 Partick	(h 4) 2-3 (a12) 3-4 (a19) 4-1 (h10) 4-0 (a18) 0-7
14 Queen O'S.	(h 6) 3-3 (a11) 1-1 (a 9) 2-1 (h 2) 3-3 (a 1) 3-4
15 Queen's Park	(a 9) 3-3 (a 6) 3-2 (a 1) 1-2 (h16) 3-0 (a17) 0-1
16 Raith	(h17) 0-2 (h11) 2-3 (h 8) 0-2 (a15) 0-3 (a 9) 1-2
17 Rangers	(a16) 2-0 (h 2) 5-0 (h 9) 1-1 (a 6) 1-1 (h15) 1-0
18 St. Johnstone	(a10) 2-1 (h19) 6-2 (h20) 3-1 (h 4) 0-1 (h18) 7-0
19 St. Mirren	(a18) 2-6 (h13) 1-4 (a 3) 1-2 (a 3) 1-2 (h10) 6-0
20 Third Lanark	(h 3) 3-0 (h18) 1-3 (a 7) 0-4 (a 7) 0-4 (a12) 3-1

Singapore Chinese Beat Combined Chinese

VISITING DEFENCE STRONGER

Displaying a marked improvement in defence where John Then, the player-manager of the team made his debut, although still very weak in their finishing, the Singapore Chinese yesterday won their only match in the Colony when they defeated the Combined Chinese by the only goal of the match, resulting from a mistake by Cheong Wing-choy, the home custodian.

A large crowd which included His Excellency the Governor witnessed a fast and interesting encounter in which fortunes fluctuated with remarkable rapidity. Yuen Quan-chong, Singapore's inside-left, was again at fault in trying to walk the ball into the net instead of essaying a shot from the edge of the "area," while Chia Keng-hock, the visiting centre-forward, was much too subdued by Lau Hing-choi to prove dangerous.

Swinging the ball about much more than usual, Combined Chinese minus several of their stars, were much more dangerous in attack than the visitors and on one occasion were extremely unfortunate not to score when they hit everything except the back of the Singapore net.

Chan Tak-fai was a very dangerous leader for Combined Chinese, while Cheuk Shek-kam and Yip Pak-wah gave him good support, although they were nearly always bundled off the ball by the fast attacking visiting defence.

Choo Seng-quee, the visiting centre-half, was not at his best and was probably feeling the effect of his first two games.

Kor Hor-khoon, Singapore's skipper and left-half, was given a gruelling time against the Tang Kwong-sum-Cheuk Shek-kam partnership, but managed to hold his own after an indifferent start.

John Chye, Singapore's left-winger, gave a much improved display on the wing and cut in much quicker than usual, his parting shot midway through the first half paving the way for the only goal when Cheong Wing-choy only partially saved for Chia Keng-hock to place the ball in the net.

AMATEUR-PRO GOLF TOURNEY

London, To-day. Brigadier General A. C. Critchley and Dai Rees yesterday won the Amateur-professional golf tournament when they beat the Hon. Max Aitken and Henry Cotton by 3 and 2 over 18 holes.

The tournament was held over the Addington course in Surrey.—Reuter.

The second half was much a repetition of the first, although in the closing stages Combined Chinese resorted to kick and run methods to no avail, Chan Tak-fai being beaten in the race for the ball down the centre.

Combined Chinese:—Cheong Wing-choi (S. China "A"), Hon Yung-sang (Kwong Wah), Chan Kwan-kee (Police); Lau Hing-choi and Leung Wing-chui (S. China "A"), Tse Kam-hung (S. China "B"); Tang Kwong-sum (S. China "A"), Cheuk Shek-kam (Kwong Wah), Chan Tak-fai (S. China "B"), Pip Pak-wah (S. China "A"), Yung Shui-yick (S. China "B").

Singapore Chinese:—Fong Wai-mun, Soon Choon-lye, John Then; Kew Lew-leng, Choo Seng-quee, Koh Hor-khoon; James Goh, Ha Tee-siang, Chia Keng-hock, Yuen Quan-chong and John Chye.



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12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Compositions of Rudolph Friml.
Symphony (film 'Firefly')... Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra.
Love Everlasting... Ina Souez (Soprano) with Orchestra.
Allah's Holiday... The Six Swingers directed by George Scott Wood.
Regimental Song ('The White Eagle')... Derek Oldham (Tenor) with Orchestra.
The Mounties (film 'Rose-Marie')... Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orchestra.
The Vagabond King—Selection.
Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra cond. by Charles Prentice.
Rose Marie—O Rose Marie I Love You Indian Love Call... Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Grand Symphony Orchestra (Sung in German).
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Dorothy Dickson and Olive Gilbert.
Medley Of Paso Doblés... Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra, London, with Al Bollington at the Organ.
"Careless Rapture" (Ivor Novello); Studio Scene—A Bit of Opera... Ivor Novello, Dorothy Dickson & Olive Gilbert acc. by the Drury Lane Theatre Orch.
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Shirley Temple Memories... Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Al Bollington at the Organ.
"Swing, Teacher, Swing"—Selection; "Sally, Irene And Mary"—Selection... Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Al Bollington at the Organ.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Dance Music and Variety.
Cinema Organ—Alexander's Ragtime Band—Film Medley... Lloyd Thomas at the Mighty Organ in The Granada Cinema, Tooting, London.
Piano—Rush Hour (Williamson); The Donkey Serenade (film 'Firefly')... Patricia Rossborough.
Dance Orch.—Tutti... Ruth Fox-Trot; Jam On Toast—Fox-Trot... Gene Krupa & His Orchestra.
Dance Orch.—Never Break A Promise—Waltz; Summer's End—Slow Fox-Trot... Mantovani & His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.
Dance Orch.—I've Got A Pocketful Of Dreams—Fox-Trot (film 'Sing, you Sinners')... Good-Night, Little Skipper—Fox-Trot... Brian Lawrence & His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.

Dance Orch.—Show Boat Shuffle—Fox-Trot... Duke Ellington & His Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
2 p.m.—Studio—Children's Hour.
7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—A Variety Programme with Harry Torrani, Tröls & His Mandoliers, George Formby, Frances Langford and Tommy Tucker's Orchestra, Orch. w. Organ—Toy Land Medley... Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Reginald Foort at the Organ.
Vocal—Long Ago And Far Away (film 'Three Cheers for Love')... Frances Langford with Victor Young & His Orchestra.
Dance Orch.—Missouri Waltz (Shannon & Eppel)... Victor Young & His Orchestra.
Comedian—I Blew A Little Blast On My Whistle (Formby); In My Little Snapshot Album (film 'I See Ico')... George Formby and His Ukulele with Orchestra.
Dance Orch.—Yes, There Ain't No Moonlight—Fox-Trot; I Hadn't Anyone Till You—Fox-Trot... Tommy Tucker & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.
Vocal—When Did You Leave Heaven? (film 'Sing, Baby, Sing')... Deep Shadows (Meskill-White)... Frances Langford with Victor Young & His Orchestra.
Yodler—Sitting In A Jail House (Torrani); Dan, Dan, The Yodeling Man (Torrani)... Harry Torrani accomp. himself on the Guitar.
Mandoline Orch.—Waltz Memories Troise & His Mandoliers with Vocal by Don Carlos.
Comedian—Trailing Around In A Trailer (Gifford & Cliff); Said The Little Brown Hen (Gifford, Cliff, Formby)... George Formby & His Ukulele with Orchestra.
Dance Orch.—Silver On The Sage—Fox-Trot (film 'The Texans'); There's A Brand New Picture In

Children's Hour: London Relays: Dance Music

My Picture Frame—Fox-Trot... Tommy Tucker & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"Monsieur Beaucaire". Adapted for Broadcasting from Booth Tarkington's novel and the light opera, libretto by Frederick Lonsdale, by Gordon McConnell. Lyrics by Adrian Ross. Music by Andre Messager. Produced by Gordon McConnell and Rex Harworth.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"World Affairs" by H. Wickham Steed.
9.45 p.m.—London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.
9.50 p.m.—Patricia Rossborough at the Piano.
Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs—Selection (Morey & Churchill).
Sailing Along—Selection.
Head Over Heels—Selection.
10 p.m.—London Relay—"Domino". A radio play by R. P. Hughes. Characters: Big Joe; Nellie; Alf, her husband; Edwards; Archie; Macpherson; Miss Macpherson; 1st Workman; 2nd Workman. The scene is laid in a steelworks, and in a house near-by. Produced by Edward Wilkinson.
10.35 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Smile And Sing Your Cares Away; I'm Singing A Song For The Old Folks... The Organ, The Dance Band and Me (Piano).
Fox-Trots—Laugh And Call It Love (film 'Sing, you sinners'); On The Bumpy Road To Love... Teddy Wilson & His Orchestra with Vocal by Nan Wynn.
Fox-Trots—Day After Day; There's A New Apple Tree... Jack Hylton & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.
Fox-Trots—Georgia's Gotta Moon; Rhythm In The Alphabet... The Six Swingers directed by George Scott Wood with Vocal Chorus.
11 p.m.—Close down.

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♠ A K J 8 6
♥ 2
♦ Q J 10 9
♣ A 7 4
N
W
E
S
♠ 9 4
♥ 7 6
♦ 7 5
♣ K 10 8 3
Q J 6 5
♠ Q 10 7 3
♥ A 5
♦ A K 8 6 4
♣ 9 2

The bidding:
North East South West
1♣ Pass 3♣ Pass
3♣ Pass 5♥ Pass
5♥ Pass 5♥ Pass

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ACE... 3
KING... 2
QUEEN... 1
JACK... 1
TOTAL VALUE OF HAND IS
AVERAGE HAND IS

To-day's hand was submitted by Mr. Charles H. Fawcett, of Kansas City, Mo., who asks us for the Four-Aces bidding, which is appended below. The points of interest in the bidding are:
1. North's initial rebid of three spades. He prefers to show his five-card suit before indicating diamond support.
2. The control-showing bids in hearts and clubs.
Finally, North's jump to seven diamonds and South's decision to leave the contract in that suit.
The reason why North bid seven diamonds and not seven spades lies in the fact that he has marked his partner with five diamonds and either three or four spades. At the same time he knows he can trump the second heart lead, but there is no guarantee that his partner will like the suit of the second

chance of being able to discard any losing clubs in the South hand on his long spades, whereas with spades as trumps one club discard on the diamond will do him no good. South's pass to the seven-diamond contract of course is based on the fact that he feels that North knows what he is doing. It will be noted that seven diamonds can be made but not seven spades.

You were Howard Schenken's partner on Saturday and held:

♠ K J x x
♥ x x
♦ x x
♣ Q x x x x

Mr. Schenken opened the bidding with one diamond; next hand passed. ANSWER: Your correct bid is one spade. With a King, Queen and a Jack, your hand is slightly too strong to pass and your best bid is to show the major suit at the one level.

Score 100% for one spade; 60% for pass (your hand is really quite weak); 100% for one notrump (since your hand is barely worth one bid, you should make that bid show where your little strength is); 20% for two clubs (you should not carry the contract to the two level with such a weak hand).

QUESTION NO. 67

You are the dealer and hold:

♠ K 7 6 5
♥ A K
♦ A K
♣ A K J

What do you bid? (Answer to copyright, 1939, By The Four Aces.)

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE STAR—"A Slight Case of Murder". Damon takes film-land's toughest gangsters for the most hilarious ride of their chequered careers in the best burlesque or gangster films ever conceived by an ace humorist. With Edward G. Robinson, Jane Bryan, Allen Jenkins, Ruth Donnelly, John Little, Edward Brophy, Harold Huber, Eric Stanley and that "Dead End" kid, Bobby Jordan.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Everybody Sing". A riotous musical farce, dealing with the life and household of a temperamental playwright, his equally temperamental wife and their stage-struck daughters, chef and maid, Allan Jones, Fanny Brice, Judy Garland, Reginald Owen, Lynne Carver, head the big cast.

AT THE CATHAY—"She". Helen Gahagan, Randolph Scott, Helen Mack and Nigel Bruce in Rider Haggard's fantastic story.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Dark Journey". This production has Conrad Veidt and Vivien Leigh in the leading roles. An excellent spy-story with intriguing love interest and a range of picturesque situations. Others in the cast include Joan Gardner, Anthony Bushell, Ursula Jeans, Margery Pickard, Austin Trevor, Sam Livesey, Edmund Willard, Charles Carson and Phil Ray.

AT THE KING'S—"Pardon Our Nerve". with Lynn Bari, June Gale and Michael Whalen. An excellent comedy.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Empress Wu". "Chien-Tien". Lavish and spectacular presentation of a thrilling episode in ancient Chinese history. Directed by the man who made "Sable Cicade", "Empress Wu" is the highwater mark of Chinese film production. Mandarin dialect, but with English subtitles.



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The First Bell will be rung at 12.00 NOON, and the Tiffin Interval will be after the second race (1 p.m.) on both days.

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No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 per day for Gentlemen and \$3.00 per day for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11 a.m. each day.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

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By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 3rd April, 1939.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 29th March to 18th April, 1939, both days inclusive.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on TUESDAY, the 11th day of April, 1939, at 3 p.m. at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Ma Tau Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT:

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. feet.	Annual Rental	Upset Price.
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Kowloon Island Lot No. 4152	Between Kowloon Island Lot Nos. 245 & 244, Ma Tau Chung road, Ma Tau Chung.					about		
		As per sale plan					9,600	110	7,215

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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
2	Kowloon Island Lot No. 4153	Between Kowloon Island Lot Nos. 245 & 244, Ma Tau Chung road, Ma Tau Chung.					about		
		As per sale plan					4,000	45	3,025

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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
3	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 4154	Opposite Kowloon Island Lot No. 3475, Beaufort Road, Tai Kok Tsui.					about		
		As per sale plan					7,200	132	14,400

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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
4	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 4155	Between of Pui Tai Street and Ma Tau Kok Road, Ma Tau Kok.					about		
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STAFF TALKS ITALIANS BETWEEN ITALY AND GERMANY LEAVE TUNIS IN LARGE NUMBERS

Berlin, To-day.
A communique has been issued announcing that Staff talks at present are proceeding between German and Italian army leaders.

The communique adds that General Keitel, Chief of the Supreme German Command, conferred with General Pariani, Secretary of State in the Italian Ministry of War, and the Chief of the Italian General Staff, at Innsbruck yesterday.

The conference will continue to-day.—Reuter.

ESTONIAN-POLISH STAFF TALKS

Warsaw, To-day.
The report of the forthcoming visit of the Chief of the Estonian Army, General Laidoner, to the Commander-in-Chief of the Polish Army, General Smigly-Rydz is confirmed. It is explained that the visit of General Laidoner is made to return that of Marshal Smigly-Rydz to Reval during his tour of the Baltic States last summer. Gen-

Rome, To-day.
Seven thousand Italians, all heads of families, have applied to the Italian Consulate-General at Tunis for repatriation to Italy, according to reports from Tunis.

The Italian press, giving prominence to the report, interprets it as a refutation of the assertion of the French Premier, M. Daladier, that the Italian residents in Tunis had nothing to complain of and were excellently treated. The papers point out that the families of these 7,000 applicants number about 40 to 50 thousand.—Trans-Ocean.

The move might otherwise be interpreted as a flight in anticipation of increasing Franco-Italian discord.

CAROL PLAN ON WAY TO LONDON

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sent. The conversation had two purposes:

(1) The text of the statement to be made by the Prime Minister to-day, was agreed upon.

(2) Questions to be broached in final conversations were outlined.

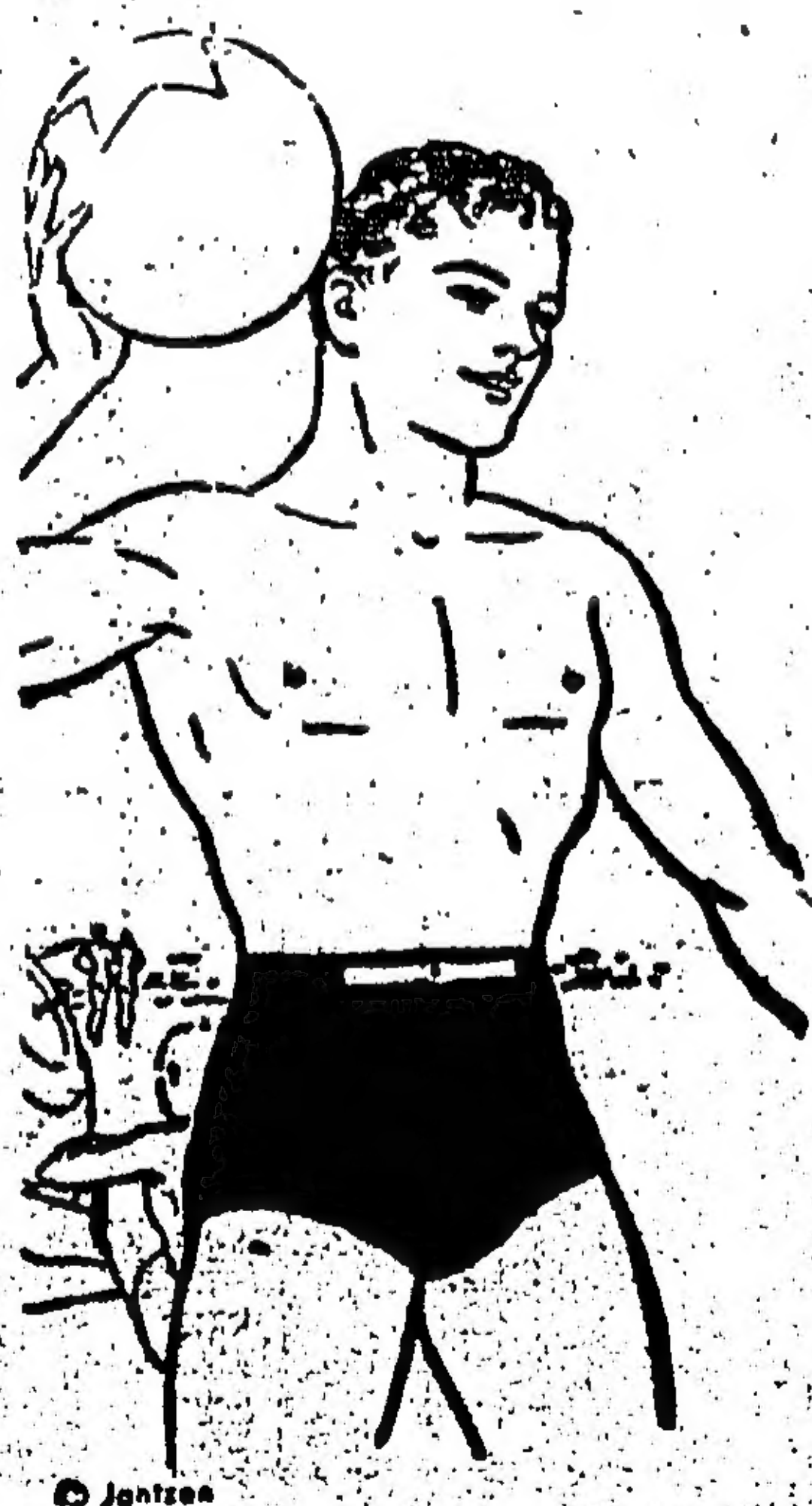
Polish quarters state that economic and financial questions will be in the foreground. — Trans-Ocean.

General Laidoner will arrive on April 16th. — Trans-Ocean.



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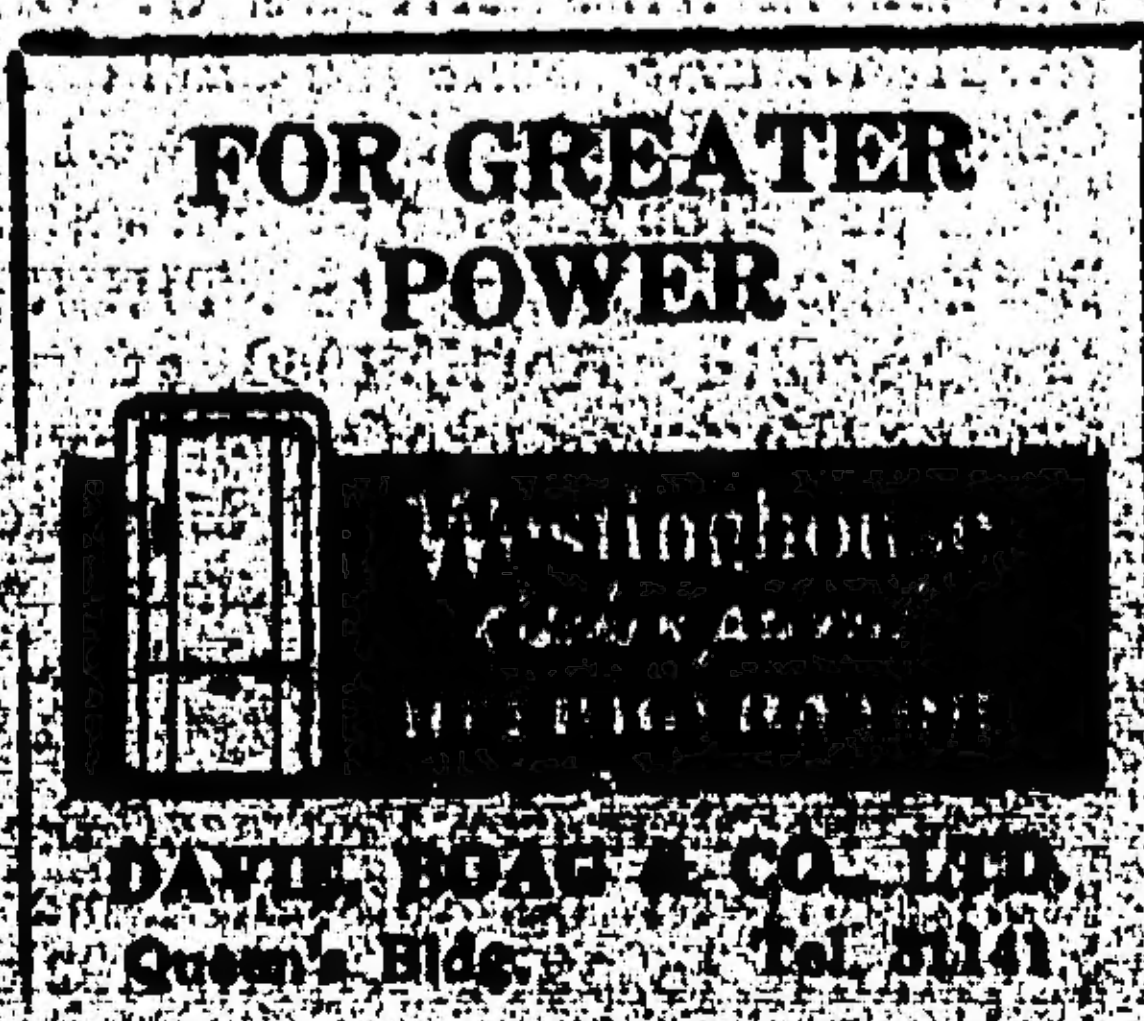
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